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Comment: Any energy plan that purports to protect the environment cannot include hydraulic fracturing to extract natural gas. As has become apparent through the experience of other states (Wyoming, Texas, Colorado, Ohio, Pennsylvania), this is not a benign activity. The huge amount of money involved has overtaken good sense. Is there any protection for our water, our forests, our farms and wildlife when the industry, with all its special exemptions to the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act, is buying our government? We already know that we have plenty of wind, water, and sun enough to add solar to this mix and we also know that this is the way to create jobs, supply needed energy, and keep our air, land, and waters clean. Once an aquifer is gone, all the money in the world cannot repair the damage. The DEC report answers few of these questions, simply denying their role as conservationists rather than economic opportunists.