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Comment: Gas drilling is a short-term solution with a non-renewable resource. As evidenced in other states, hydraulic fracturing impacts the environment in a destructive manner, uses vast quantities of clean water and chemicals of varying nature, some toxic. The chemicals will remain in the environment and can enter our ground water system. Any short term profits from natural gas will be dwarfed by the remediation and possible lawsuits from contaminating New York's water system. Alternative energy sources such as wind, solar and others are a better solution, along with increased energy use efficiency.