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Comment: A contributor to the new DEC SGEIS on natural gas drilling said he found serious shortcomings to the document, and heavy influence from gas industry agenda. (I cannot at this moment reference this, but will send it to you, because it names the individual and quotes him directly.) One area in the SGEIS that is lacking is any discussion of potential cumulative consequences of gas drilling. Anyone who counted the calories from one cookie and thought it would cover the whole box has fallen prey to this basic misconception. My last 35 years have been spent working toward the sustainable contribution I make to my community. Our CSA /community supported agriculture/ farm, along with my daughter's and another farm - google Full Plate Collective - supplies 450 member families with organic produce June thru January). My neighbors on 2 sides have gas drilling leases. They had no idea of the Hydrofracking technology (and it's actual carbon footprint, water needs, and dangerous chemicals) when they signed these leases. 6% of the landowners in my county have signed away the rights to develop 40% of the land into drilling operations. I feel like the Native Americans, whose land was deviously taken and exploited, forcing them out. Already property values are dropping, and banks will not mortgage land with leases. I would like to send you a pdf, "Hancock and the Marcellus Shale", a document released this week, comprehensively documenting drilling issues there. I see no good argument for haste to develop natural gas. It is NOT part of a clean energy agenda. Stick to sustainable, non polluting sources, and hire locals to develop them. This is a moral imperative.