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Comment: As a biologist, a recreational user of the Catskill region, and a downstream drinking water user of the Delaware River here in Philadelphia, PA, I am writing to request that natural gas reserves obtained using the wasteful and dangerous hydro-fracking technique, NOT be considered a clean fuel or included in the state energy plan. A dirty fuel that requires a tremendous amount of freshwater, a concoction of chemicals being injected into the cleanest regions of our watershed, and trucking and storage needs that will ultimately cause irreversible harms as proven in other regions of the country, is not the answer or a "bridge to cleaner fuels". We cannot continue to put efforts into an old technology that has huge cradle to grave consequences. Conservation needs to be at the center of the NY plan and alternative energy techniques that have a low cradle to grave ratio must be our focus in a time when we have already wasted away the luxury of time to combat global warming. Solar should be a big part of our plan --- Not natural gas and old technologies that attempt to bleed blood from a stone. Clean water is every citizens right and polluting water and groundwater supplies for natural gas is unacceptable. Thank you for your time and attention. Sincerely, Faith Zerbe