

Subject: Environmental & Economic Policy: 2013 State Energy Plan Draft Regulations

Dear Chairperson, New York State Energy Planning Board,

If hydrofracking is dangerous for the NY City watershed, how can it be safe for the rest of the state?

According to the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation, we all live in a watershed:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/25563.html>

Do you want to deprive millions of upstate residents clean drinking water?

Six generations of my family and hundreds of our constituency have lived and voted in NY. And now you are allowing the poisoning of your family and mine by permitting hydrofracking in 85% of the Marcellus shale that puts the water of millions of people upstate, and NY City water, in imminent danger of poisoning because the process does not involve isolated areas: carcinogens and endocrine disrupters used will flow into the NY City watershed; there are hundreds of truck trips of poisoned waste water through NY City watershed towns; air laden with precipitated methane will migrate.

The regional, national & international scientific, governmental [including NYS & the federal geophysicists and toxicologists], and environmental communities have independently confirmed that it is impossible to avoid poisoning our drinking water if you allow deep Hydrofracking anywhere. Drilling 500-2000 feet from drinking water is insane as these waterways are between 50-1,000 down and linked throughout NYS and under and over the earth. Our upstate forests will be decimated; animals and fish will be threatened.

Your decision will damage the NYS economy, hurting upstate and downstate, greater than all the corrupt Republicans and Democrats combined. You are selling out our water to the very greedy, wealthy oligarchic people who will pimp us dry, give us a few jobs, make incredible profits & then sell us clean water from their stash at price greater than gold. And these criminal scum don't even live in this country. These are the same people who own gas & oil, own water rights.

Tens of millions of people in NY will not be able to obtain mortgages to build or buy homes because banks will not give loans in fracking areas. NY State fruits and vegetables will be affected by poisoned ground water. Much of our milk comes from upstate. And many more water and environmental dangers are imminent.

The few jobs and taxes that might be paid by the oil and gas companies will pale by comparison to the trillions of dollars lost in health care and jobs and businesses and productivity.

People cannot not work if they and their children are sick and dying.

Fracking uses millions of gallons of water per frack -- and a well can be fracked 18 times -- depleting the water supplies that everyone upstate and in NY City relies upon for our very lives. New, fresh water cannot be created. Once you destroy it, it is gone forever. You are allowing water to be stolen from your children and mine and poisoned. Allowing Hydrofracking is without question, a completely irresponsible abuse of a nonrenewable resource. Hydrofracking a crime against human rights for the profit of a few rich & greedy criminals who don't give a hoot whether you and your children live or die.

The NYS Energy Regulations draft, <http://www.nysenergyplan.com/2013stateenergyplan-documents/2011-05-Draft-Regulations-for-public-comment.pdf>, reads like it was largely written by greedy lawyers working for the oil and gas companies. What are the names of these people who wrote this nonsense? What are the names of those who decided what text would be in this? It is an affront to the people of NYS who have put their trust in you and in NYSERDA and Gov. Cuomo. Did you actually read this? If so, do you actually have the gall to promote this scam, filled with manipulations and loopholes? No one is held accountable to anything in this text. And beyond this, what normal human being would agree to poison the water, soil and air for a thousand generations in exchange for a few dollars? This draft text is a transparently one sided piece of legalistic criminality written by manipulative sociopaths who are selling their own children and ours, for a little money, a kickback and some ego power. Is this what you are and want to associate yourself with?

Do you want one of the most beautiful states deforested and turned into an industrial zone so a few rich people can make more profits?

Why sell out to the special interest gas and oil companies for pennies? This move will disenfranchise your strong hold, and almost every objective supporter. A vote for Hydrofracking means you are damaging your ability to remain a credible decision maker. People will not forget. Have you forgotten the lessons of the Gulf oil spill that continues to visit Obama and has economically punished America brutally?

Why not simply move investments into renewable solar, wind and hydro energy that will provide millions more jobs and billions more of dollars than greedy deadly oil and gas companies, and save our environment for thousands of generations? Or are you totally corrupt and accept being paid off to write, promote into law this madness?

Fracking must be banned in the entire state. We are all part of one great state of New York. Once you and those around you screw this up, there is no turning back.

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Listen again: you must ban fracking in the entire state. We are all part of one great state of New York.

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