

Natural Gas Production: At What Cost to NYS?

10-19-2009 Brighton Town Hall 7 PM

Full List of Links: <http://fmce.org/announcements.html>

Marcellus Shale Maps: Complete Marcellus shale: <http://oilshalegas.com/marcellusshale.html>
NYS portion of the Marcellus shale: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/46381.html>

Overview:

www.dec.ny.gov/energy/46288.html DEC Marcellus Shale Fact Sheet

<http://www.alleghenyconference.org/PDFs/PELMisc/PSUStudyMarcellusShale072409.pdf> Gas Industry white paper

http://blogs.cce.cornell.edu/gasleasing/files/2008/12/grd-m-shale_12-11-2008_view.pdf

National Park Service assessment of development of Marcellus Shale (many photos & graphics)

<http://devsoc.cals.cornell.edu/cals/devsoc/outreach/cardi/publications/upload/07-2009-RPB.pdf> Cornell

University Human Dimensions Research Unit – Research & Policy Brief

<http://essentialdissent.blogspot.com/2009/06/marcellus-shale-gas-drilling-and-water.html> Video of public forum on 6/22/09 (When Part 1 is complete, you can click to view Part 2 or 3.)

http://www.delawariverkeeper.org/pdf/Gas_Drilling_fact_sheet_8_09.pdf Fact Sheet

Business Information:

<http://siliconinvestor.advfn.com/readmsg.aspx?msgid=25960457> an in-depth economic viewpoint

Waste Problems: www.uppermon.org/news/Pgh-Alleg/PBT-oilgas-31Oct08.htm

Quality of life concerns: www.nytimes.com/2008/12/19/nyregion/19drill.html?_r=1

Read the DEC Draft Rules: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/47554.html>

Analysis of the DEC Draft Rules: <http://www.propublica.org/feature/new-york-state-paves-way-for-gas-drilling-with-release-of-review-930> (by ProPublica)

What You Can Do:

#1 - Follow up-to-date info: www.shaleshock.org, catskillmountainkeeper.org, fmce.org

#2 - Pass Federal regulation: H.R. 2766 (FRAC Act) will repeal the exemption for hydraulic fracturing from the Safe Drinking Water Act. Call your representative to encourage them to support this bill. A companion bill, S.1215, has the same purpose. Call Senator Schumer 202-224-6542 and Senator Gillibrand at 202-224-4451 to thank them for co-sponsoring the bill.

#3 - Strengthen federal regulation: Fax Lisa Jackson, Administrator at the US EPA at 202-501-1450 and encourage her to enforce existing federal laws regulating hydrofracturing.

#4 - Support NY State legislation: Ask your NYS assemblyperson to support A.8784 which requires disclosure of chemicals in “fracking” fluid and permits for withdrawal of more than 5,000 gallons of water per day. Ask your NYS Senator to introduce companion legislation to A.8784. Thank Sen. Gillibrand for calling for an extension to the public comment period. Your elected officials: <http://takeaction.lwv.org/lwv/dbq/officials/>

#5 – Submit your comments to DEC before Nov 30, 2009:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/SGEISComments/comment/index.cfm>

#6 – Request extension of Public Comment Period to 90 days; express your concerns about water usage and road damage: Pete Grannis, DEC Commissioner 518-402-8540; Judith Enck, Deputy Sec. for the Environment 518-473-5442; Governor David A. Paterson 518-474-8390

#7 – Attend a DEC Public Hearing: Wed Nov 18, 6pm Corning East High School Auditorium, 201 Cantigny Street, Corning, NY 14830. Other locations: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/58705.html>

#8 – Share information (fact sheets, posters, reports): <http://www.shaleshock.org/resources/> or other sources.

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