


# Gas Drilling Will Affect Us All - What Can You Do?

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- Educate yourself and others on all of the ramifications of gas drilling. There are many presentations to attend in the area.
  - Talk to your friends and neighbors in town or in the country - whether leased or un-leased.
  - Write letters to your local media about your concerns to raise awareness in the community.
  - Consider hosting a gas drilling speaker for your organization or church.
  - Sign the GDACC petition to Governor Paterson, State legislators, and DEC Pete Grannis
  - Come to GDACC meetings held twice a month at the Beard Building, 9 Main St., Cortland
  - Contribute your time and talents to speaking, writing, computer presentations, or contribute funds to help counter the hundreds of millions of dollars spent by the gas industry to convince people that their extraction methods will not harm our land, water, air or our people.

## Tell Town & County Officials To:

- Pass a resolution for a moratorium on gas drilling until the process and impacts are better studied and effective regulations are in place.
- Set up overweight vehicle taxes and fines and other road ordinances to assure that residents and local vehicles, including emergency vehicles, have access to their homes and businesses.
- Write aquifer protection ordinances.
- Assure that industry is responsible for dealing with fires, explosions, spills and/or contract with local agencies for these emergencies.
- Collect baseline data on local land, air, and water quality. Require on-going monitoring by independent agencies.
- Strengthen zoning laws on noise, placement of wells, access roads, pipelines, compressors and other equipment. Determine where drilling will and will not be permitted.
- Develop taxes and regulations to insure that the companies pay for damages caused by gas drilling.

## Tell Your State Legislators To:

- Restore local enforcement of zoning, noise and nuisance ordinances (amend ECL, Section 23-03030)
- Pass a resolution for a moratorium on gas drilling until the process and impacts are better studied and effective regulations are put in place.
- Enact a severance tax of 10 to 20% on gas production to compensate the state depletion of our resources and for regulation and remediation of damages
- Repeal or modify Compulsory Integration – an illegal seizure of our land rights.

## Tell Your US Senators and Representatives To:

- Repeal the Halliburton Loophole and hold the oil & gas companies to the same environmental standards as all other U.S. corporations and entities. (Pass the FRAC Act).
- Federally regulate interstate transportation and disposal of fracking waste.
- Commission the EPA and other federally funded research organizations to study the safety of gas drilling in depth and come up with recommendations and regulations to protect water supplies and other natural resources and the health and safety of citizens

## Tell Governor Paterson and DEC's Pete Grannis To:

- Ban hydrofracking until the current EPA study is completed and a safe method of waste disposal is found.
- Eliminate the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for gas drilling.
- Require individual impact statements for each well permit.
- Require that local governments participate in the SEQR review for each well.
- Require immediate notification of local government officials upon issuance of drill permits.
- Triple the number of state inspectors available to supervise gas drilling operations.