

Dear friends,

We have an opportunity to be proactive and protect our health before harm. This week the Cuomo administration is seeking to lift what has effectively been a moratorium in New York State on hydraulic fracturing (hydrofracking)... a controversial technique used to extract natural gas from shale.

Fracking involves injecting water, sand and toxic chemicals deep underground to break up dense rock formations and release natural gas. Opponents of fracking are concerned about the toxic chemicals and the high potential for water and air pollution as a leading reason to ban the practice. Over 1,000 cases of water contamination have been reported near fracking sites. If we blast rock with chemicals how in the world do we think those chemicals can be contained?

Public opposition to fracking has escalated in recent months, with concerned residents and environmental and consumer advocacy groups campaigning against the practice in New Jersey and the surrounding states, where gas companies have been ramping up plans to drill in the Marcellus Shale, a rock formation which extends up the East Coast.

Fracking operations in Pennsylvania alone are expected to create 19 million gallons of wastewater.

Please contact NYS Governor Cuomo immediately; our collective voices can make the difference to ban BAD PRACTICES BEFORE THEY CAUSE DAMAGE TO OUR HEALTH.

Dear Governor Cuomo,

I am writing to urge you to ban hydrofracking in New York State.

A. Strongly Request Equal Environmental Protection for All New Yorkers From Marcellus Shale Horizontal Hydrofracking.

B. If Marcellus Shale Hydrofracking cannot be done safely in New York City and Syracuse watersheds, state lands and over primary aquifers, it obviously cannot be done safely anywhere in New York.

C. Send the draft SGEIS back to the drawing board for yet another do-over.

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