

Frac Sand Sentinel

...keeping watch on the industry

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Greetings,

On the dawn of 2013, I extend well wishes and sincere thanks to the hundreds of thousands of citizens in the Empire State and beyond who have worked tirelessly for the health, welfare and safety of their fellow citizens and future generations in fighting to prevent hydrofrack drilling for natural gas from occurring. We are emboldened by the genuineness of the grassroots activities of people far and wide who have stood tall against the avarice and greed of those who place the false promises of short-term gain over the scientifically proven fact that HVHF will devastate the pure waters we drink, the air we breathe and the lands we hold dear.

In these last few days of December 2012 New Yorkers face a crossroad, not of our choosing, where those whom we have elected will determine whether our children and children's children will be poisoned by the ravages of a process that if permitted will devastate all that we value. More than merely hopeful that the governor will not allow drilling here, activities to influence the outcome have intensified. More than 30,000 responses have been sent to the NYDEC reacting to the shallowness of their ill-timed regulations that were enunciated prior to a bona fide health review process having been conducted. The inherent conflict of interest of the DEC which is tasked to both *protect* the environment and *support* energy development has on the surface been skewed heavily toward support of the corporate interests. The Iroquois Confederation made every decision based on six generations to come. We need to do the same.

Our voices have been clear as the attached listing which grows with every passing week will attest. The community of *Warwarsing* has enacted a ban and in voting unanimously to do so became the 200th New York State community on this roster to enact legislation protecting the health, welfare and safety of their residents. Utilizing the constitutional right of home rule (guaranteed since 1894 in the NYS Constitution) additional communities (unlisted) have enacted zoning ordinances which restricts or prevents the industrialization of an industry that has demonstrated an unconscionable callousness to human welfare.

My wishes are simple for the New Year... an immediate cessation of fracking activities and the ban of this process in our state. The risks are far too great to ignore. The clarion call for action in the face of rampant devastation is clear. Let us unify as never before in opposition to this horrendous process.

Best regards,

Joe Hoff, Chairman
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FYI... A coalition of seven eastern states including **New York** plans to sue the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for failing to issue new guidelines to curb methane emissions, a greenhouse gas that may be linked to climate change. The seven states threatening litigation, which included **Connecticut** and **Delaware**, were among those that were most affected by super storm Sandy, which has renewed debate over the impact of climate change. The other states in the coalition include **Maryland, Rhode Island, Vermont** and **Massachusetts**. In their letter, the states said recent dramatic weather patterns were linked to methane emissions from the oil and gas sector.

SEE THE ATTACHMENT! LIST OF MORATORIA AND BANS AROUND THE WORLD!

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