

## **Otsego County Gas Drilling Moratorium Petition**

**We hereby petition for a moratorium on gas drilling in our county. We have serious concerns about the gas drilling process, many of which are listed below:**

1. Our drinking water is at risk. Millions of gallons will be used at each well which cannot be recovered for drinking. Where will all this water come from?
2. Dangerous chemicals are used in the hydro-fracking process which have caused serious health problems. These chemicals can get into our water table and currently do not have to be publicly disclosed by the drilling companies.
3. Fluids removed from drilling wells are extremely toxic. We do not have the resources to treat them, nor do we wish them to be left in open pits which, even if lined, are notorious for leaking. Where will this fracking fluid be stored?
4. Spills, explosions, and accidents are not uncommon and are costly. Who will pay and how will our current emergency responders be able to prepare for these?
5. High-compression machinery and trucking operates around the clock and will be extremely noisy. Moreover, this equipment emits highly toxic gases which cannot be confined and will pollute our air.
6. Where gas drilling has been developed in other areas, dirt roads and well pads have spread from horizon to horizon. Gas companies prefer to drill wells closer together, connected by pipelines, and this technique will create an entirely different landscape and community dynamic. We want to have a public discussion with our local, county, and state representatives about whether this is what our communities want.

**We strongly urge our towns, counties, and the state to enact a moratorium, or suspension on natural gas drilling and leasing, so that we can better educate ourselves about what is going on and organize to protect ourselves and our communities from the potential harms of gas drilling.**

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**When completed, please mail to: Concerned Citizens for Otego, P.O. Box 35, Otego, NY 13825**