



## **GOVERNOR CUOMO: BAN HYDROFRACKING IN NEW YORK**

**Hydraulic fracturing** (“hydrofracking”) is a highly dangerous method of drilling for natural gas that threatens our drinking water, health, communities, and environment. It involves the injection of large volumes of water containing a mixture of proprietary chemicals — including known toxins and carcinogens — and sand, under pressure, to fracture bedrock to release natural gas. Documented risks include contaminated groundwater, wastewater that contains radioactive elements, gas seepage into homes, and methane release. Located in a band from the Delaware portion of the NY City water supply through western and central NY to Pennsylvania, Marcellus and Utica shales are two formations targeted for extraction of the large quantities of gas trapped within the rocks. Having witnessed the impacts of fracking in PA and elsewhere, Clearwater joins with many other citizen and environmental groups and municipalities in calling for a ban on hydraulic fracturing throughout NY State to prevent potential adverse health and environmental impacts of this dangerous technology – especially when cleaner sources of renewable energy and energy efficiency are readily at hand. Please put the safety of our drinking water before the profits of oil and gas companies!

**We, the undersigned, oppose the use of hydraulic fracturing in the extraction of oil and gas, and support a ban on fracking throughout New York State.**

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