

State of Your State  
**New York**

Your snail mail letters have paid off! The evaluation of health effects of fracking conducted by the New York State Department of Health have resulted in State Health Commissioner, Howard Zucker's recommendation that drilling could cause "significant public health risks". Governor Cuomo and his DEC's Findings Statement affirmed the No - Action Alternative: "The denial of permits to develop the Marcellus Shale and other low-permeability gas reservoirs by horizontal drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing."

DEC's final decision in this matter cannot be revisited without a **new** Environmental Impact Assessment according to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, so the decision to halt high volume fracking is firm.

Please thank Governor Cuomo for his public service.

It is important that Governor Cuomo hear from you to stress that there should be a pause on the fossil fuel infrastructure build out that is continuing. Pipelines, compressors, gas-fired power facilities, gas storage, 'bomb trains' permitting should be slowed way down...here's some specific points to request:

- deny the Seneca Lake gas storage permit - the salt caverns have damaged roof sections, any missteps with this high pressure liquid gas storage can result in destruction of Seneca Lake that supplies water for over 100,000 people, water that supports a \$4 billion wine industry and turn the lake salty and polluted.

This is not consistent with protecting high quality water in NY.

AND besides

We want renewable energy, not more damage to facilitate gas and oil use. ...and SEE material on the back

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\* Snail mail letters are the most effective way to voice your concerns, because legislators believe people who take the time to write them are more likely to vote. A regular snail mail letter is worth 20 emails. If you feel overwhelmed at the thought of writing a letter, we'll be happy to help you. The letter must be your own thoughts and words, but we can help you put your letter together here at our office, so feel free to let us know if you want some help.

Remember - one of the only things that can affect the outcome of fossil fuel politics is YOUR voice. When legislators hear from their constituents they listen, especially when the numbers start to mount. As with gas drilling, the cumulative impact makes all the difference.

**I live in New York.**

# Why is it still important to fight gas and oil drilling?

...isn't there a ban in New York?

Yes, NY has a ban on high volume hydraulic fracturing - not on all drilling or gas/oil well stimulation using less than 300,000 gallons of water. There are already over 50,000 gas/oil wells in NY and drilling is not stopped.

There is high volume hydraulic fracturing or 'fracking' going on in other states. Those other states send NY most of the gas used in NY - with **radon** in it and send radioactive drill cuttings with heavy metals and toxic chemicals to landfills in NY, and liquid wastes also. Chemical staging areas are in NY.

NY has pipelines, compressors, gas storage areas and is threatened with more and more of all these. Property values near these are reduced. Chronic toxic air emissions are every day...unless they explode.

Hidden health impacts abound - like low frequency noise never stops from the compressors causing internal scarring, broken ear drums, disturbed sleep.

AND the biggie, **climate change**, caused by high and higher carbon in the air - this past June was the HOTTEST month on record ever! Methane (natural gas is over 90% methane) causes over 100 times CO2's global warming (over 10 years) and when leaks are actually measured are 3 to 9% of total production - causing accelerated climate change. All gas usage adds to climate change.

*Maybe I better consider doing something about all this?*