

Hon. Andrew Cuomo
Governor of New York State
State Capitol Building, 2nd Floor
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Governor Cuomo:

Thankfully, as a result of your action, the NYS DEC is scheduled to release the new draft SGEIS by July 1, 2011. I am confident that New York will strongly regulate the natural gas well completion process of hydraulic fracturing with horizontal wells. Hydraulic fracturing of vertical wells has been used for decades in New York with zero cases of water well contamination or adverse health consequences. I live and work in New York and would not support a process that would harm my family and community.

I support the efforts of the Joint Landowners Coalition of New York, Inc. which is committed to supporting responsible drilling in our state and believes that the NYS DEC will produce a comprehensive document that protects the environment and allows natural gas development to move forward.

While the SGEIS will be a state of the art document, I realize that regulations are subject to change. I fully expect the NYS DEC to revise the regulations as technology and conditions change. This is the natural evolution of any regulatory process. It is a process that protects the environment and citizens of New York while providing for economic development.

Once the SGEIS is released, I urge you to keep the process moving forward in a reasonable manner. I am certain that those opposed to natural gas development will use this process to create further delays. I suggest the following:

- Publish a document showing the changes to the 2009 draft and limit comments to the changes.
- Limit the comment period to thirty days.
- Do not hold public hearings. All of the hearings on these issues have been circus atmospheres with limited usefulness. They have also been dangerous for the participants and costly for the host cities.

New York can show the world that natural gas can be developed safely and responsibly as a clean energy source compatible with renewable energy. It all starts with the SGEIS. Please support the SGEIS's timely release and implementation. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

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