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## Groups warn Cuomo about gas extraction plan

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About 40 groups, ranging from Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation to Trout Unlimited, wrote to Gov. Andrew Cuomo Tuesday advising him to put the brakes on allowing hydraulic fracturing that they said would pose risks as currently planned. Companies are eager to drill into the deep shale deposits below New York's surface to extract natural gas.

"We are writing to you on an issue of urgent importance to all New Yorkers – assuring that New York State does not rush to allow risky new drilling techniques in the Marcellus and Utica Shale formations unless the protection of the State's drinking water supplies and other irreplaceable resources can be demonstrated," the groups, including Common Cause and the Natural Resources Defense Council, wrote.

"Specifically, we ask that you clearly confirm that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will be allowed both adequate time and resources to fully and properly evaluate the full range of potential risks associated with new natural gas development utilizing hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," before issuing a revised draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impacts (DSGEIS) pursuant to Executive Order 41 (EO 41). Simply put, the arbitrary June 1, 2011 target date established by former Governor David Paterson in EO 41 is wholly inadequate to allow for the development of an appropriately comprehensive or legally sufficient revised DSGEIS."

The letter was copied to Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens.

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#### honestabe

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So let me get this straight. The document the DEC has been working on for the past three years has not been published, yet the extreme lefties have already determined it's inadequate? Does anyone else see a problem with that? These opponents will never approach this issue with any reason whatsoever.

#### commonsense

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If the DEC says its ok, then lets no waste time with the fear mongers. The country needs natural gas, New York has an abundance natural gas and tens of thousands of great paying jobs will be created. An obvious win win for the country and state of new york.

#### Toxins in our Soup

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It is so expensive and difficult and sometimes absolutely impossible to remediate environmental mistakes made by industry. The expense of these "mistakes" too often falls to those locally impacted by industry carelessness. The industry profits, departs, and the locals are left to suffer with the aftermath. State government is left with the cleanup bill for mess with great cost to the state.

We live just a few miles from Nassau Lake and the Dewey-Loeffel landfill mess. This is a good example of industry doing whatever they feel they can get away with at any moment in time. Surely, even back during those decades of dumping PCBs, oils, and solvents, they should have known it was a bad thing for them to do. Yet, it was not illegal at the time, so they dumped it.

Do you think Dewey-Loeffel will ever be made safe in our lifetimes or even the lifetimes of our children? Will land and waters poisoned by Dewey-Loeffel ever be made safe, wholesome, and returned to a natural state?



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