

## Natural gas, the clean safe energy keeping so many hypocrites warm!

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Stop! WHAT WERE WE THINKING? Man, have we missed the boat!

A group of our Joint Landowner Coalition of New York (JLCNY) representatives went to Albany on May 11, to speak with our "leaders". They were advised not to focus on the economic impact. The environment is more important and cannot take a back seat to prosperity. We the landowners could not agree more!

You see, coalitions first formed to try to understand what was taking place in our area. We grouped together, circled the wagons by the thousands, built l eases that took environmental concerns to the next level. We sent letters to the DEC, flew to Texas, contacted chambers of commerce in shale gas areas, assembled teams of folks to research a term new to us 'HYDRO- FRACTURING' - a process that has been around since 1949. We found not one case of polluted drinking water can be linked or attributed to the process of HYDRO-FRACTURING.

We also learned that "HYDROFRACKING" (please note different spelling) is a real problem! I think I might have solved the issue for many that are hung up on 'HYDROFRACKING'. Its like trying to look up 'horse back riding' and leaving the S out of horse. The self-proclaimed experts have caught the attention of the media as well as some of our elected officials. These same self-proclaimed experts are anxious at the thought that the upstate economy might gain wealth.

It may upset their world vision. They have stooped to the level of manipulation and childish attention getting tactics. They are the ones who CREATED the word "HYDRO-FRACKING' to scare the masses! Look up the term 'HYDROFRACKING' and you will find your worst fears from water pollution to opening a hole to hell! The word and definition have been put in place by obstructionists not true environmentalists. Vested interests of foreign oil and dirty coal may even have put them up to it.

Now lets look at the Facts:

- 1). it is spelled 'HYDRO- FRACTURING', an industrial term.
- 2). yes, you have to take the time to google the word.
- 3). If you mistakenly, according to the obstructionist plan, type the word 'HYDRO-FRACKING' or 'FRACKING' spell check will not give you correct spelling, as spell check does not contain industry specific terms.

Fear not! It only takes three minutes to google the correct spelling for a rough understanding. I know its so much easier to hit the intercom button and ask someone to look up 'HYDRO-FRACTURING' for you. But that might put you back on the incompetence trail! You are best off doing this yourself . Research this process! Actually read articles by true experts in the field!

Once you have done your due diligence, as so many of the landowners and true environmentalists have already done, you will be embarrassed for those a llegend 'experts' and pseudo-environmentalists. You may even find your own incompetence showing! BUT, you will finally understand why all the states with the exception of NYS have allowed 'HYDRO-FRACTURING' and have seen the positive growth of harvesting local NATURAL gas a non-subsidized industry providing a bridge of clean energy to the future.

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Other states are laughing at us! We are the fourth largest user of natural gas. The great State of New York has been manipulated and misled by ONE word: 'HYDROFRACKING'! Folks entrusted with our future and the once empire state have been duped! Other states are thanking us while they welcome the industry and build infrastructure to harvest clean natural gas to send it to the Northeast at a premium! Natural gas, the clean safe energy keeping so many hypocrites warm! So, again I say WE HAVE MISSED THE BOAT! Maybe for a long time, or at least until November 2nd. Those folks laughing at us are the same ones profiting from the shale gas produced in their other states, or foreign oil or dirty coal, and they are supporting the mushroom efforts!

Folks looking to serve the people will be elected in November, and responsible government will figure out that the government they replaced had been duped by one WORD! In the mean time, land values, and assessed value therefore property taxes, go up. Already wealthy out-of-state landowners take advantage of land at tax and foreclosure sales caused by the NEW YORK STATE elected officials following each other like sheep, afraid to break from the flock, and leading them off the cliff.

Taxes start to go up based on some large land grabs and folks on fixed income who have already adjusted their habits for tough times find that they cannot afford to stay here. They have to sell or lose their land, all because NYS elected officials have been hijacked by ONE WORD! This is a true crime and shows the mass incompetence of those leaving the hen house door open while they play with our rights, our land and our future!

So who should get involved? Well, maybe anyone fearing the loss of a job, the loss of land handed down by generations, unions that have a large pool of folks waiting for a phone call, folks put on furloughs (nice word we in business call a 4 day work week - something that is now common along with the smaller paycheck that goes with it!)

The common thread here is to save our once empire state. We, the people, YOU and I, have to, because God knows those in charge have left the job up to the receptionist.

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**NO, I have some rules!**

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