

Mundy moves moratorium effort forward

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State Rep. Phyllis Mundy on Wednesday moved ahead with a plan to halt all new natural gas drilling permits in Pennsylvania and two other proposals aimed at protecting drinking water sources from contamination related to drilling.

Mundy formally introduced two bills and a resolution in the state House on Wednesday, which include:

> House Bill 2609, which would establish a one-year moratorium on the issuance of new natural gas drilling permits to give state officials more time to analyze the Marcellus Shale drilling industry and make sure proper protections are in place.

> House Bill 2608 would prohibit natural gas drilling companies that use fracking, or horizontal drilling, from drilling wells within 2,500 feet of a primary source of supply for a community water system, such as a lake or reservoir. The current restriction is only 100 feet.

> House Resolution 864 would urge U.S. Congress to pass the Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act. The resolution would urge Congress to repeal a provision in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, known as the "Halliburton loophole," that exempts oil and gas drilling industries from restrictions on hydraulic fracturing near drinking water sources. The act would also require oil and gas industries to disclose all hydraulic fracturing chemicals and chemical constituents currently considered proprietary rights of the company.

Mundy announced her intentions to introduce the bills on Monday at a press conference at the Huntsville Reservoir in Jackson Township, which provides drinking water to 30,000 residents in Luzerne County. Much of the land around the reservoir has been leased to gas drilling companies, though no permits have been issued to drill.

"Hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling have the potential to seriously pollute our natural resources," Mundy said. "I have heard from hundreds of constituents concerned with drilling near public water supplies such as the Huntsville and Ceasetown reservoirs. My bill would establish a much-needed buffer under and around water sources in an effort to keep contaminants from entering our water supplies."

There was no indication if or when the bills would come up for a vote by the House.

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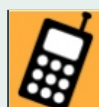
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