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Fracking DEIS due to Cuomo Friday

ALBANY -- Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Monday that he will comment on the state's environmental review of high-volume hydraulic fracturing after he's briefed on the draft report.

A second draft of the review, which must be completed and finalized before hydrofracking in the Marcellus Shale takes place in New York, is due to Cuomo's office by Friday.

"During the campaign, it was a very big issue, as you know," Cuomo said on Talk 1300-AM in Albany. "I sat down and talked to all sorts of groups on this for many, many months.

"I have a sense of the facts; I have a sense of the energy behind it ... on both sides, and as soon as I get the briefing, I'm ready to talk about it."

While the draft report is due by the end of the work week, it's not certain when it will be released to the public. At least a 30-day comment period will follow.
