

Opposition to Marcellus Shale Drilling
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Dear Ms. Nugent:

I'm writing to you today to strongly oppose the hydro-fracking in the state of New York. As we watch the catastrophe unfold in the Gulf of Mexico with no end in sight. Gas exploration has the same poison consequences as the drilling for oil. It uses so much fresh water, which then becomes untreatable, the hideous chemicals used in the process (many of which the industry won't even tell what they are) which will poison the water table, the soil will no longer be able to grow food, and methane gas and radioactivity will poison the air, there is no telling what horrible results this will have on unborn children.

I live in Tompkins County outside of Ithaca (home of Cornell), this area has been an agricultural area for ever. Residents have spent years transitioning to organic farming. The state's wineries have grown and are producing very good wines and we are the most popular lake destination in the WORLD. The economic impact will be enormous. Housing prices will be totally devalued. Tests have shown by using the mortifier affect that Tompkins County would produce TWICE the revenues staying just as we are 2.8% as opposed to 1.4% revenues if drilling is permitted.

There is not enough money nor the ability in the world to clean the Gulf of Mexico or the after effects of hydro-fracking and that's if there are NO accidents. And we know that's impossible for the industry to be accident free.

Please consider all of these factors when the SAB makes its decision. Would you want your water, soil and air poisoned? I hope the Boards answer would be no for themselves, their children and their grandchildren and generations to come.

very sincerely yours
Jane Penrose