



THE
SNOWBELT LANDOWNERS GROUP

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***There is a lot of misinformation out there about fracking. Help us
calm the fears, educate landowners and spread the facts!***

Update on the Snowbelt Landowners Group

Dear Snowbelt Landowner:

So where is New York in terms of moving closer to a decision on lifting the moratorium on hydraulic fracking? There has been little information for months from the governor and as far as we can tell, he would like to keep it that way.

While there seems little we can do while we wait for the Governor to make up his mind, this is simply not true. We must not wait around for the State to lift the moratorium. We need to continue our pro-active approach, and take every opportunity to meet with state legislators, lobbyists and influential business people in the Southern Tier to show the governor that he should allow drilling to start in our area.

In a news article several weeks ago it was reported by the Governor that "We understand the economic benefits. What are the health and environmental consequences? And that's what we are studying," the Governor said a few weeks ago on "The Capitol Pressroom," a public radio show. "And that's not a little question, it's a big question and it's a controversial question. And we're trying to substitute information for emotion."

The Governor also reports that he is still waiting on a review by the State Department of Health. However, the department's research has dragged on for months with no details on when it would be finished or what is currently being studied. This is after the Health Commissioner Nirav Shah said in February that he would complete his review in the "next few weeks."

The Governor has been repeatedly asked about the delay, but the only excuse he is giving is that "We [just] don't have an update at this time from the Department of Health." And

instead of addressing natural gas fracking and the huge economic boost it could give to our region, the Governor has been putting his efforts into "reducing taxes, tourism, more manufacturing, [and] building off the SUNY centers upstate."

We continue to wait while the Pittsburgh Business Times reported yesterday that a \$125 million pipeline to move natural gas out of Ohio's Utica shale play is being proposed by a New York based corporation, Hess Corp., and PVR Partners LP, based out of Philadelphia. The pipeline is expected to connect with the Texas Eastern and Rockies Express interstate pipelines, according to the companies involved. This announcement comes about a month after Oklahoma's Williams Companies Inc. said it was teaming with Boardwalk Pipeline Partners LP of Houston to build the Bluegrass Pipeline from the Utica and Marcellus shale plays in Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania to processing and storage facilities in Louisiana.

All this progress is happening around us while New York continues to shut out natural gas development and the potential for high dollar revenue all together. This summer, a bill failed in the assembly to allow liquefied natural gas to be manufactured and transported between two points within New York. New York is the only state that does not allow for natural gas to be liquefied or for its transport between two points.

What can we do? With the election season gearing up, it is very important to know who you are voting into office. Now is the time to get educated on what the candidates are proposing. Recently, a petition came through our email system soliciting names to a petition called "Elected Officials to Protect New York" who are opposed to fracking, or opposed to you having the use of your land and the resources associated with it here in New York. It was surprising to see just how many individuals from the Snowbelt group counties were on the list. We are providing you the names of those individuals who have signed to date and ask that you be proactive when election time comes and when these individuals ask for your support. Our elected officials need to know that we want and need natural gas development in the Utica Shale to bring money and jobs to the Southern Tier. Click her to open the document link: [Elected Officials Against Fracking](#)

While the Governor has said that he hasn't ruled out fracking, he has said many times that the state's decision would be based on facts, not emotions. He has also recently added, once again, that there's no reason why hydrofracking couldn't be conducted as part of a "very regionalized economic agenda." We need to continue to be vocal and demand that the Governor address our need for natural gas development in the Utica Shale in our counties.

We feel that, with our difficult economic climate, vast rural areas, historical involvement with oil and gas drilling, and local infrastructure (pipelines, gas powered generation plants, water quality inspectors, and DEC officials), we are in a unique position to demonstrate that natural gas exploration can be safely and responsibly undertaken in New York. We are also working with other landowner groups, farm bureaus, economic development agencies, forestry groups and law firms, to put forth efforts that may be productive in our quest to help landowners.

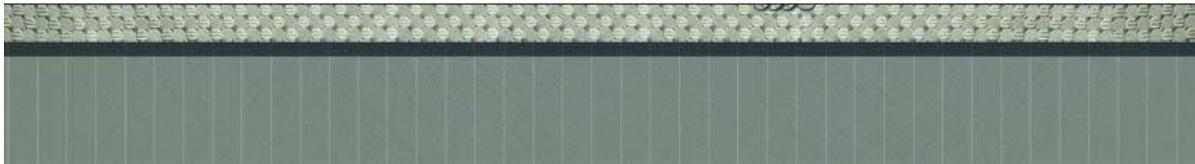
We also want to mention that we have officially partnered with CX Energy and our group totals are close to 190,000 acres. We have almost doubled in size in just under six (6) months!

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