

## List of Bans Worldwide

[U.S. UPDATE: December 15, 2013]

### TEXAS

*City of Dallas Effectively Bans Fracking*, RT USA, December 13, 2013.

*Did Dallas Just Ban Fracking?*, Andrew Breiner, *ThinkProgress*, December 12, 2013.

### HAWAII

*Council OKS Ban On Fracking* by Erin Miller, *Hawaii Tribune Herald*, October 26, 2013.

Hawaii County Council spends less than 3 minutes discussing and voting to BAN FRACKING on Hawaii Island.

### OHIO

**NOTE** : Voters in Bowling Green Ohio did NOT agree to ban the practice hydrofracking. It was narrowly defeated in the November ballot measure. <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/energy/2013/11/131105-colorado-ohio-fracking-ban-election-results/> There were some early misunderstandings on the outcome of this vote.

EARLIER POST: Bowling Green City Council Passes Fracking Ban, *The BG News*, September 18, 2013

<http://www.bgnews.com/city/bowling-green-city-council-passes-fracking-ban/>

### **NEW YORK STATE**

Numerous Town Bans and Moratoria In New York State, now listed and mapped by *FracTracker.org*

<http://www.fractracker.org/maps/ny-moratoria/>

### **Dryden, New York**

***"The Little Town That Took On Fracking And Big Oil"* Melissa Harris-Perry, MSNBC, August 17, 2013:**

*In 2011, rural Dryden, in upstate New York, banned hydraulic fracking, prompting an oil corporation which had spent millions of dollars buying up leases in Dryden, from private home and farm owners, to sue. The energy company wanted the court to force the town to accept industrial gas drilling including fracking, within town limits. Not only did the town fight back, it garnered the support of 20,000 people to support them in their fight. But the battle is not over. The panelists discuss.*

<http://video.msnbc.msn.com/mhp/52780984#52780984>

## **MORA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

***"New Mexico County First In Nation To Ban Fracking To Safeguard Water*** by Julie Cart, *Los Angeles Times*, May 28, 2013

## **COLORADO**

***"Ballot Measure on Colorado Fracking Ban In The Works"*** by Curtis Wackerle, *Aspen Daily News*, August 17, 2013

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

A moratorium on the practice of hydraulic fracturing to retrieve natural gas passed The Pennsylvania State Democratic committee caucus by a standing vote of 115 in favor to 81 opposed.

***Marcellus Moratorium*** , *PoliticsPA.org*, July 15, 2013

***58% of Pennsylvanians Support a Statewide Moratorium***

***VIDEO: EPA Pulls Plug On Fracking Studies As Polls Show Support For Moratorium*** by Steve Doty, *The Washington Examiner*, July 31, 2013

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**[GLOBAL UPDATE: August 18, 2013]**

## **EUROPE**

### **Cantabria, SPAIN**

***"Shale-Rich Spanish Region Votes To Ban Fracking"*** , *EurActiv.com*, April 9, 2013

***Lawmakers in Spain's northern Cantabria region unanimously voted on Monday (8 April) to ban hydraulic fracturing on environmental concerns, shooting down the central government's hopes for a project to boost jobs in a region believed to be rich in shale gas.***

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**[Original Post]**

***Global List of Fracking Bans and Moratorium*** by Johnny Linehan and Marina Stefan, [Fracking Hell \(UK\)](#) ([Files](#))

The Fracking Hell list is updated regularly. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FellowFractivists/> for most current list, or add a ban of your own to the comments.

- **Countries with a Ban or Moratorium:**

- **France .**
- June 30 2011: The French parliament voted to ban the controversial technique for extracting natural gas from shale rock deposits known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. Oct. 4 2012: France will maintain a ban on fracking until there is proof that shale gas exploration won't harm the environment or "massacre" the landscape, President Nicolas Sarkozy said.
- The new Minister of Ecology in Mr Hollande's Socialist government , Ms Brick, is fiercely against fracking and the opponents of fracking are asking that Parliamentary Bill 377 be put on the top of the stack for action. .
- **13th Nov 2012:** The Luxembourg Parliament voted against a motion to extract underground shale gas due to concerns over the environmental impact of the process. Fracking, also known as induced hydraulic fracturing, uses fluid pressure to break open rock formations, in order to release gas or fuel trapped underground. \*
- **Bulgaria**
- **18 January 2012:** Bulgaria has become the second European country after France to ban exploratory drilling for shale gas using the extraction method called "fracking".
- Bulgarian MPs voted overwhelmingly for a ban on Wednesday, following big street protests by environmentalists.
- Bulgaria has revoked a shale gas permit granted to US energy giant Chevron.
- **17th May 2012:** Temporary Parliamentary Commission for study, analysis and discussion of best practices and regulatory solutions for exploration and mining has decided at its meeting today that the moratorium on exploration and extraction of shale gas has to drop some of the provisions. Environmentalists have threatened new protests.

- The Bulgarian minister of economy, Delyan Dobrev, commented on the adopted changes in the shale gas moratorium stating that 'the moratorium shall remain, as long as the people are not properly assured that shale gas production does not pose a threat to them or the environment'.
- **14th June 2012** Bulgaria's 41st National assembly passed an Act to ban fracking in all its forms in all its territory including testing and exploration and has absolutely banned any kind of extraction using the pumping of water or gel or anything into the ground. The partial bans, and conditional moratorium was not enough for activists who succeeded in persuading the Assembly that an absolute ban was necessary.
- **Romania**
- May 16, 2012: In response to a petition that garnered the support of 50,000 residents concerned about the environmental impact of drilling, along with the criticism of several regional governors, Environment Minister Rovana Plumb (Social-liberal Union) has said she will propose a moratorium on shale gas exploration for up to two years until clear rules for the sector are established.
- **South Africa**
- South Africa's Mining Minister Susan Shabangu has decided to extend the ban on the practice of hydraulic fracturing used to break through shale rock formations underground to tap once inaccessible gas reserves. The moratorium will last another six months, while the nation's appointed team to investigate the safety of hydraulic 'fracking' continues its research.
- **Germany**

May 8th 2012: Germany has apparently halted plans to use fracking (hydraulic fracturing), a controversial method used to extract natural gas in difficult places to reach. According to Spiegel, Environment Minister Norbert Rottgen and Economy Minister Philipp Rosler have been sceptical of the process and have decided to oppose it for the time being. Germany

- **The Czech Republic**

**May 11, 2012:** The Czech Republic is considering a moratorium on fracking. The moratorium would last two years and would give the Czech environmental ministry time to determine what regulations should be in place for gas drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

**3rd September 2012** PRAGUE – The Czech government has proposed a temporary ban on shale gas exploration until a new law is passed that would address extracting the new energy source.

Environment Minister Tomas Chalupa said Monday the current law is insufficient and a moratorium till the middle of 2014 would give authorities time to propose legislation that would "take into account the current technologies and their environmental impact."

The government is expected to discuss the proposal next month.

- **Argentina**
- Fracking banned by the Cinco Saltos community local government, Patagonia, Argentina...
- **20/12/2012 The Five City Breaks (province of Black River)** became the first municipality to ban the exploration and development of unconventional oil through the fracking technique. The ordinance was introduced by Councilman Jose Chandía Communist Party and approved unanimously."
- **Spain**
- **VALLADOLID, July 5 (EUROPE PRESS)** - Valle de Mena (Burgos) has declared the municipality "fracking free" because of the absence of "informaion and transparency" This was passed by the autonomous government against the possible exploitation and extraction of gas in the area of Great Enara, which includes the town.
- FUERTEVENTURA (BIOSPHERE RESERVE) SAYS "NO" TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S DECISION (SPAIN) TO ALLOW OIL EXPLORATION IN THE SEA
- **CANTABRIA – Oct 2012** - "President of Cantabria, Ignacio Diego, presented to the Governing Council a first draft of the bill to ban the use of the technique of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in the Autonomous Region for both gas extraction as in investigations which is used in practice. (...) According to Diego, Cantabria needed economic activity, "but not at any price." In this sense, has stressed that the conclusion reached by the Cantabrian Government is the result of a study conducted "with great interest" and various technical analysis.
- **Switzerland**
- The Canton of of Fribourg has banned fracking.
- **Austria**
- August 16th 2012: The Governor of Lower Austria has called for legislative changes to be introduce to preclude the drilling for shale gas due to concerns over the potential impact of hydraulic fracturing.
- **Italy**
- Bomba, a tiny city in the south of Italy has refused a drilling project – drilling in Pantelleria Island, between Sicily and Tunisia, has also been stopped by a governement's decision
- **Northern Ireland**

- 7 December 2011: Northern Ireland's Assembly has voted for a moratorium on "fracking", a method of extracting natural gas from shale, pending an environmental assessment. The Minister has still failed to enact the moratorium.
- **Ireland**
- May 12, 2012: Minister For Energy Pat Rabbitte has reiterated that no hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" for gas would take place in Ireland pending further "detailed scientific analysis and advice".
- Roscommon County Council unanimously support a ban on fracking
- Leitrim County Council voted for a moratorium on fracking
- Clare County Council unanimously support a ban on fracking and unanimously voted to amend the county development plan
- Donegal and Sligo: Ban on fracking
- (16-01-2012) Sligo Borough Council supports the proposal from Clare County Council and Sligo County Council calling on the Government and the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources to BAN the practice of fracking/hydraulic fracturing.
- Fermanagh District Council have also voted for a moratorium on fracking.
- **The United Kingdom**
- The British Government has rejected shale gas technology as a solution to Britain's energy crisis, conceding it will do little to cut bills or keep the lights on.
- Supporters of the fracking technology – which blasts water, sand and chemicals at extreme pressures to release gas trapped deep in rock – argue it could be the single greatest factor in transforming Britain's energy market, reducing our reliance on foreign imports and dramatically reducing costs.
- But The Independent on Sunday has learned that industry experts made clear at a meeting attended by senior ministers, including David Cameron and Ed Davey, the Lib Dem energy secretary, that the UK's reserves were smaller than first thought and could be uneconomical to extract.
- Now senior coalition figures have agreed that shale gas has the potential to be deeply controversial without securing major benefits in lowering carbon emissions or reducing energy costs.
- Keynsham Town Council have unanimously voted NO! to UK Methane's planning application, which is a fantastic success and a big part of the puzzle. The next stage is now for B&NES Planning Committee to vote on the planning application at their Development Control Committee Meeting. Currently it is on the agenda for the 21st Nov but may be pushed back to December or maybe even January.
- **The Netherlands**

- A court in the southern Dutch city of Boxtel recently ruled that a temporary planning for an exploratory borehole was invalid. The judge ruled that exploratory wells are by definition not temporary – if gas is discovered the intention is to extract it. This landmark ruling against UK fracker Cuadrilla sent shivers up the fracking industry's spine – without the ability to secure temporary plannings it's difficult to see how frackers can perform the exploratory testing required.
- **Australia**
- **New South Wales** - Moratorium on fracking extended from **Dec 2011** until **July 2012**, subject to 'satisfactory' national regulations. Ban has expired now and job adverts and notices of proposed drilling have started to be seen.
- **24th August 2012 State of Victoria** on Friday put a hold on hydraulic fracturing, a technique used to produce hard-to-reach gas deposits, and a halt on new coal seam gas exploration licenses.
- The moratorium would remain until a national regulatory framework for regulating coal seam gas and hydraulic fracturing was put in place by Australia's federal government, state energy and resources minister Michael O'Brien said in a statement.
- **Dunoon** 11th June 2012 12:00 PM
- DUNOON is the latest Northern Rivers community to declare itself CSG- free. Dunoon is now one of several communities that have declared themselves or are in the process of declaring themselves CSG-free. Others include The Channon, Modanville, Whian Whian, Rosebank and Numulgi.
- **Marrick Council in Sydney**, unanimously voted on Tuesday 9/5/2012 to impose a condition prohibiting CSG mining from going ahead at the site as part of the development application.
- **23rd May 2012: CANADA Bay Council** has joined other inner-west Sydney councils in opposing coal seam gas mining in the area. Greens Cr Pauline Tyrrell said Dart Energy's coal seam gas (CSG) exploration licence covered the whole of the Sydney metropolitan area, including the Canada Bay Council area. Cr Tyrrell raised a motion against CSG mining which was passed at the council meeting last week.
- **June 30, 2012 at 4:55 pm** The small town of Tyalgum made history today, as the first community in the Tweed Valley in NSW, to declare itself CSG free. It's hoped other towns in the region will follow suit.
- **17/02/2012 – Poowong, Victoria** declared itself CSG-FREE after a poll returned 95% in favour of a ban.

**Aotearoa (New Zealand) \***

- 14 April 2012: "The Christchurch City Council has declared their city a 'fracking-free zone' in a unanimous vote this afternoon. "It is a very strong sign from the Council that we do not want fracking taking place in this city. "We hope that the strong stand we are taking is picked up by councils in other areas," he says."
- 18 April 2012: Kaikoura District Council voted 6 to 2 to declare itself a frack-free zone (NZ). It will be revisited after the independent investigation by Dr Jan Wright of the Parliamentary Commission for the Environment (PCE) due out at the end of the year. This resolution followed a request in February for a moratorium from Central Government until the study but that was denied.

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## **Canada**

- **British Columbia**
- First Nations people in NW British Columbia enacted a four year moratorium against drilling for natural gas by Royal Dutch Shell in the Sacred Headwaters. Members of the Tahltan First Nation are blockading Shell's coal bed methane project in the Sacred Headwaters, the birthplace of the Skeena, Nass and Stikine Rivers.
- **Nova Scotia**
- Nova Scotia citizens call for ban on Nova Scotia fracking. Graham Hutchinson says the province should impose a moratorium on the controversial practice. The group recently presented a petition to Energy Minister Charlie Parker calling for a ban.
- **Québec**
- March 17, 2011: Nathalie Normandeau, Quebec's natural resources minister, announced Wednesday that the province would no longer authorize hydraulic fracturing operations in the province in the hunt for oil and gas.

## **The USA**

- **The State of Vermont**
- May 17, 2012: Vermont became the first state to ban the controversial natural gas drilling practice known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. Governor Peter Shumlin signed the ban into law Wednesday afternoon.
- **New Jersey, NJ**
- **May 17, 2012: TRENTON, N.J.** - The New Jersey Legislature has accepted Gov. Chris Christie's recommendation for a one-year ban on a natural gas drilling process known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, rather than continue to pursue a permanent ban.

- **June 30, 2012 New Jersey Legislature Bans All Fracking Waste** Mindful of a court ruling in 1978 striking down a law they passed banning waste disposal from other states, New Jersey legislators this week passed a new law banning all disposal of fracking wastewater within its borders, even if the waste water is produced within New Jersey. The new law is aimed at prohibiting shipment of 1.3 billion gallons of fracking waste water already generated in neighboring Pennsylvania from being shipped into New Jersey for deep well injection.
- **July 15, 2012 Secaucus, NJ** - bans 'fracking' (*Local officials also call for statewide and national ban.*) The mayor and Town Council banned fracking and fracking waste water in Secaucus at the June 26 council meeting in a resolution that states that the drilling process causes environmental hazards.
- **Pittsburgh, Pa**
- *November 16, 2010:* In a historic vote, the City of Pittsburgh today adopted a first-in-the-nation ordinance banning corporations from natural gas drilling in the city (Pittsburgh is finding it difficult to enact the ban because of 'variances' issued by the State's Public Utilities Commission overruling their decisions)
- **Morgantown, WV**
- June 6th 2011: Morgantown City Council went ahead on Tuesday evening with its proposed ban on fracking concerning the drilling of Marcellus Shale. The council approved the first reading of the ordinance which would prohibit fracking in the city and within one mile of the city limits as well.
- 15th August 2011: On Friday, Monongalia County Judge Susan Tucker ruled Morgantown's ordinance to be invalid, clearing the way for Northeast to resume drilling. In the court's opinion, Tucker said the state had exclusive control of regulation. Tucker also noted strides made by the state to implement comprehensive rules for drilling.
- **North Carolina, RALEIGH 1st July 2012--** Governor Bev Perdue vetoed the controversial fracking bill Sunday, the last day she had to act before it would have become law. The governor said she supports hydraulic fracturing, also known as "fracking," but believes additional safeguards are needed in the bill. Without those safeguards in place to protect drinking water and the health of North Carolina families, Perdue said she was forced to veto the bill.
- **New York State**
- New NEW YORK town bans are being passed regularly. The latest is [Red Hook, NY](#).
- **Syracuse, N.Y.**
- October 24, 2011: SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Syracuse common councilors ban hydrofracking in the city.
- **Woodstock enacts ban on hydrofracking - Jul 22, 2012**

- The Town Board on July 17 delivered the first blow of a proposed two-punch combination aimed at banning hydrofracking in Woodstock, unanimously adopting a zoning amendment that prohibits the controversial natural-gas extraction method and related activities within the town's borders.
- **By a vote of 5-1-1, Village of Owego passed a 1-year moratorium – 31st July 2012**
- **20th Dec 2012 - WAWARSING, New York State** – The Wawarsing Town Board is the latest to adopt a ban on hydro-fracking to extract natural gas from shale formations.
- The unanimous vote came Thursday night. A public hearing was held prior to the vote with no one supporting the process.

### **Animated film of bans, moratoriums and groups in New York State**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJI dBfVvCt8&feature=colike>

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- Two legislative bills on hydrofrack drilling were considered by the legislature. The Assembly passed an extension of the current moratorium through June of 2012. The Senate did not act on a parallel bill and the issue is closed for the present.
- NYS Executive Order calling for a drilling moratorium by former Governor Paterson has been affirmed by Governor Cuomo.
- Yates County resolution unanimously passed calls for similar protection treatment of their watershed as that in NYC and Syracuse watersheds.
- The Town of Jerusalem (Yates) enacted a moratorium ordinance for their entire township. The one-year moratorium begins when the Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) relating to the extraction of natural gas by the process of high-volume hydraulic fracturing now under review by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is finalized.
- The Town of Milo is drawing up a moratorium statement for board action.
- Dewitt, Tully, Marcellus and Skaneateles have enacted moratoria laws.
- Highland, (Sullivan Co) is developing a moratorium statement.

- Buffalo has banned hydrofrack drilling and wastewater disposal in their city.
- Sullivan County is the first county in New York State to enact a moratorium.
- Lumberland (Sullivan Co) is considering a moratorium statement.
- Town of Ulysses is establishing “industrial zones” attempting to restrict the negative impact of drilling in their water supply.
- Tompkins County has enacted a ban on fracking on county land.
- Broome County: Ban on hydrofracking on county lands. Waste restrictions for fracking cuttings and flow back water established.
- Ontario, Sullivan and Onondaga Counties have enacted bans on fracking on county owned land.
- Ulster County has banned hydrofrack drilling on county owned lands.
- Gorham in Ontario County enacted a moratorium ordinance.
- The towns that ring Cooperstown’s reservoir, Otsego Lake — Middlefield, Otsego, Butternuts, and Cherry Valley — are moving to ban or restrict natural gas drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing.
- Springfield has adopted local laws prohibiting heavy industry, including gas drilling.
- The Medical Society of the State of New York has gone on record supporting a moratorium on gas drilling using high volume hydraulic fracturing.
- Cooperstown’s Chamber of Commerce has issued a position statement supporting a total ban on fracking due to the impact it will make on their watershed, farming and tourism.
- A group of residents have launched a petition drive designed to ban the use of high-volume, slick water hydraulic fracturing in the Town of Caroline, Tompkins County.
- The Village of Penn Yan will not accept any hydrofracking wastewater for processing at the village wastewater treatment plant.
- New York City has called on the US Congress to remove hydrofrack drilling’s exemption from the Safe Water Drinking Act.

- The Skaneateles Town Board has initiated plans for a ban in their township.
- The Otsego County Planning Board approved changes to Middlefield's master plan and zoning law that would specifically prohibit heavy industry, including gas and oil drilling.
- The Board of Trustees of Bassett Medical Center, based in Cooperstown, New York, views the issue of hydrofracking as a public health issue of the highest priority and resolves that the hydrofracking method of gas drilling constitutes an unacceptable threat to the health of patients, and should be prohibited until such time as it is proven to be safe.
- A consortium of interested citizens is planning for a unified moratorium and eventual ban of hydrofrack drilling in the entire Keuka Lake watershed region. To date the towns of Barrington, Milo and Jerusalem have adopted ordinances on a moratorium. Wayne has prepared a resolution for consideration.
- Lebanon town board members adopted a memorializing resolution that calls on the New York State Legislature and Governor Andrew Cuomo to repeal and reform compulsory integration laws in the State of New York that currently govern natural gas development.
- A petition drive has resulted in the Dryden Town Board unanimously passing a resolution to move forward with an ordinance to ban fracking.
- The Croton Watershed Clean Water Coalition, Inc. has sued the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in New York State Supreme Court to declare High Volume Horizontal Hydraulic Fracturing in New York State Forests contrary to the New York State Constitution and applicable environmental laws.
- The Otsego Town Board clarified a long-standing prohibition against heavy industry, including fracking for natural gas, in the town's land use law. By this vote the town, which includes most of the Village of Cooperstown, reaffirmed its home rule right to prohibit drilling through local ordinance. They also approved revisions to its land-use law that strengthen a ban on gas drilling and hydrofracking within the town. The law now specifies that while the removal of gravel, rock, stone, sand, fill, topsoil or "unconsolidated" minerals has been allowed, extraction of natural gas and petroleum is not permitted.
- The Common Council of Oneonta voted to ban all forms of natural gas drilling in city limits.
- The Town of Wales adopted a community rights ordinance that bans "fracking." The ordinance establishes a Bill of Rights for Wales residents and "recognizes and secures certain

civil and political rights of the residents to govern themselves and protect themselves from harm to their persons, property and environment.”

- The exploration of land for natural gas by horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing is prohibited in the Town of Camillus.
- Brighton became the first municipality in Monroe County to take a position on hydrofrack drilling calling for a state-wide moratorium.
- Kirkland has adopted a one-year moratorium on hydrofracking.
- New Hartford has adopted a six-month moratorium on hydrofrack drilling for natural gas
- October 24, 2011: SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Syracuse common councilors ban hydrofracking in the city.

**August 14th 2012 Saint Johnsville Village, NY, USA** unanimously passed a one year moratorium on hydrofracking and its related activities.

- **Buffalo, NY**
- **Feb 8, 2011 6:** The **City of Buffalo, New York**, banned the natural gas drilling technique of hydraulic fracturing on Tuesday, a largely symbolic vote that demonstrates concern about potential harm to groundwater from mining an abundant energy source. The city council voted 9-0 to prohibit natural gas extraction including the process known as “fracking” in which chemicals, sand and water are blasted deep into the earth.
- Albany, NY (Capitol of NYS) banned hydraulic fracturing within the city limits of the City of Albany in May, 2012. Mayor Jennings didn’t veto it.
- **Sept 2012 The Rochester Town Board** voted to ban hydraulic fracturing at its August 30 meeting, to the applause of a town hall packed with residents eager for the decision. Although passing the ban was one of the first things the board did that evening, celebrants were still toasting with champagne in the town hall parking lot when the meeting adjourned over an hour later.
- The town joins an estimated 35 that have passed an outright ban on the controversial gas-mining practice in the state. A hundred other municipalities have moratoria in place while they study the issue, and 60 more have passed resolutions either in support of the practice, or opposing a statewide ban. Governor Cuomo is expected to

announce a decision on whether it will be permitted in New York State or not in the very near future.

#### **PENNSYLVANIA:**

**In February, the legislature passed Act 13, which eliminated local zoning for natural gas operations, which include drilling, compressor stations and pipelines. Passed with support of Republican lawmakers from the Southeast, Act 13 was hailed by the governor, lawmakers and the natural gas industry as crucial because it provided uniformity and consistency for developing shale gas drilling policy.**

**Effectively, this has deprived all the communities from having any power to protect themselves from the rape of their land, poisoning of their water, and harm to people, animals and crops.**

- Pittsburgh adopts the first-in-the-nation community rights ordinance which elevates the right of the community to decide, and the rights of nature over the “rights” associated with corporate personhood. The City Council unanimously adopted this ordinance banning corporations from conducting natural gas drilling in the city.
- •Lehman Township in Luzerne County PA NEVER passed a moratorium or ban, the township supervisors voted down CELDF ordinance to protect and preserve township land and water.
- The Board of Supervisors for Licking Township, Clarion County, PA, voted unanimously on Wednesday to adopt an ordinance banning corporations from dumping “fracking” waste water in the township. The Licking Township Community Water Rights and Self-Government Ordinance is the first ordinance of its kind adopted in Pennsylvania to confront the threat of Marcellus Shale drilling.
- Cresson has enacted legislation banning fracking.
- Washington Township has banned fracking.
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania City Council unanimously passed the pro-moratorium Resolution on Marcellus Shale Drilling Environmental and Economic Impacts.
- The Borough Council of West Homestead, Pennsylvania, unanimously adopted an ordinance that enacts a Local Bill of Rights, along with a prohibition on natural gas extraction to protect those rights. The bill, titled “West Homestead Borough’s Community Protection from Natural Gas Extraction Ordinance; establishes specific rights of West Homestead residents, including the Right to Water, the Rights of Natural Communities, the Right to a Sustainable Energy Future, and the Right to Community Self-Government.

- Philadelphia refuses to purchase Marcellus Shale gas as the dumping of flow back waters is polluting their water supply.
- Collier Township upgraded its natural gas drilling ordinance to enhance their Marcellus Shale ordinance that would push drillers farther away from schools and provide baseline measurements for noise levels at drilling sites.
- United Methodists representing 950 churches across central and Northeast Pennsylvania passed a resolution calling for a temporary halt in gas well drilling in the Marcellus Shale as well as an impact tax on those places where drilling already has taken hold.
- Religious groups such as the Sisters of Saint Francis of Philadelphia have advocated against fracking and in April, 2011, America, the national magazine of the Jesuits editorialized very critically about the process.
- Baldwin Borough Council adopted a community rights ordinance that bans the corporate extraction of natural gas.
- **30th June 2012 Legislators Pass Moratorium on Gas Drilling in Bucks, MontCo** The provision was attached to a state budget measure which lawmakers approved late Saturday night. Companies that want to drill for natural gas in Bucks or Montgomery counties will have to wait. State lawmakers on Saturday night approved a moratorium on gas drilling in Bucks, MontCo and parts of Lehigh, Berks and Chester counties. The moratorium will affect any oil or gas operations in the South Newark Basin, which underlies a swath of territory extending from Bucks through MontCo and into Berks County.

### **Arkansas**

- A class-action lawsuit has been filed against companies that drill for natural gas in central Arkansas. The suit is asking for millions of dollars in relation to the earthquakes associated with the fracking process the companies use. The damages enumerated in the suit are property damage, loss of fair market value in real estate, emotional distress, and damages related to the purchase of earthquake insurance.

- Arkansas has a ban on 4 out of more than 500 frack fluid waste-water injection wells because of their 4.7/9 earthquake.

### **Maryland**

- The first community in Maryland, Mountain Lake Park, adopted an ordinance banning corporations from natural gas drilling.

- Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler has sent a letter to Chesapeake Energy Corporation and its affiliates, notifying the companies of the State of Maryland's intent to sue for violating the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the Clean Water Act (CWA).
- Governor Martin O'Malley has signed an executive order for a three year moratorium on drilling in MD while studies continue.

### **New Jersey**

- The New Jersey Assembly voted to ban hydraulic fracturing in NJ in a bipartisan overwhelming vote (58 to 11, 8 abstained), following the landslide vote 32-1 earlier in the day by the NJ Senate. New Jersey is the first state legislature to ban fracking.

### **Ohio**

- **22nd August 2012:** Wellsburg City Council approved an ordinance prohibiting natural gas drilling in or within one mile of the city as concerns mounted about the city's water being contaminated by procedures in hydrofrack drilling. A reservoir serving the city is beside property that Chesapeake Energy is leasing for drilling.

A pair of proposed deep brine injection wells in Weathersfield Township got the attention of residents and trustees. Now, opposition is growing next door in Niles. "The property's adjacent right to Niles, also it's five blocks from downtown so we're very concerned," Niles Mayor Ralph Infante said. Niles joined Weathersfield Township trustees on Wednesday, passing a resolution to ban all injection wells in the city and township. That includes the proposed site off state Route 169 next to Niles Commerce Park.

- 28th August 2012 - Jefferson twp in Crawford county passed an extraction and injection well resolution banning fracking activity in the township
- On **Oct. 1, 2012**, the **Yellow Springs Village Council** voted 3-2 to adopt a Community Bill of Rights ordinance banning corporations from conducting shale gas drilling and related activities in the village.
- The ordinance was drafted by the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) at the invitation of the community group Gas and Oil Drilling Awareness and Education (GODAE), a group of citizens concerned about the potential effects of gas and oil drilling on the environment.

Yellow Springs is the first municipality in the state of Ohio to enact a local Bill of Rights and protect those rights by prohibiting shale gas drilling and fracking and the ensuing injection

wells. The first of its kind in Ohio local law asserts the fundamental rights of residents to clean air and water, and to protect the rights of nature.

### **Virginia**

- George Washington National Forest has disallowed horizontal drilling for natural gas within its 1.1 million acres of territory while opening up segments of the forest to the potential for wind energy construction.

### **Texas**

- Texas Gov. Rick Perry has signed a bill requiring drillers to publicly disclose the chemicals they use when extracting oil and gas from dense rock formations, the first state to pass such a law.
  - Moratorium in the city of Grand Prairie, TX (a suburb of Dallas) until January 2013 on drilling activities within 3,000 feet of water retention structures. It's been called potentially catastrophic by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Chesapeake and XTO placed the community in jeopardy by already drilling and fracking in very close proximity to the local Joe Pool Dam. Right hand did not know what the left was doing....it's a mess.

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### **Iowa**

**WAUKON, Iowa (WXOW)** – There will be no frac sand mining in Allamakee County. The county passed an 18-month moratorium Monday 4th February 2013. Frac sand is becoming a

hot commodity because it's being widely used in a process called hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" to extract natural gas in other parts of the country.

Read the text of the moratorium here:

<http://www.allamakeecountyprotectors.com/moratorium-document>