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Mr. David Paterson  
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State Capitol  
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Dear Governor Paterson,

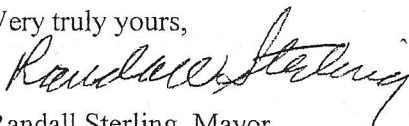
We, the Mayor and members of the Village of Dryden Board of Trustees, write to request that you immediately withdraw the draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Marcellus Shale horizontal high-volume slickwater hydrofracking because it is utterly inadequate to safeguard New York's environment and public health.

Our request is based on the following considerations, among others:

1. The Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) own spill reports document that existing regulations have failed to prevent or to require the clean up of hundreds of natural gas and oil drilling problems involving fires, explosions, polluted drinking water wells, home evacuations and massive drilling wastewater releases. DEC must not issue new gas drilling permits until those regulatory concerns have been fully resolved. That is why the Supplemental GEIS review must be restarted.
2. The draft SGEIS totally fails to propose a safe method of managing natural gas drilling wastewater and hydrofracking fluid. It simply leaves that task to localities. Improper management of natural gas drilling wastewater has already caused massive toxic pollution impacts. The SGEIS must solve this disposal problem before new natural gas drilling permits are issued.
3. DEC is woefully understaffed to cope with existing natural gas drilling problems. Only 17 staff are available to regulate nearly 7,000 existing natural gas wells. New gas drilling permits must not be issued until the SGEIS solves this problem.
4. The SGEIS fails to address critical issues associated with strict clean up liability, natural gas spill reporting, private right of legal action, insurance coverage and unfunded local government mandates. All those concerns must be addressed prior to the issuance of new gas drilling permits.

Thank you for considering our request for immediate action.

Very truly yours,

  
Randall Sterling, Mayor  
Village of Dryden

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