

## Taking Action Against the Draft SGEIS

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Vestal, NY (WBNG Binghamton) One side on the natural gas drilling debate is putting the pressure on Governor David Paterson.

Members from NYPIRG, NYRAD and Binghamton University students came together to discuss plans of action.

Many say they want the governor to withdraw the draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Study or SGEIS before he leaves office.

Toxics Targeting President Walter Hang says more than 2,000 have signed a coalition letter to send to Governor Paterson.

The State Assembly approved a bill for a temporary moratorium on horizontal drilling. This would hold off all action until May 15, 2011.

The bill now sits on Governor Paterson's desk. He has until Saturday to sign it into law or veto it.

"If he signs it, it wouldn't help on the drilling but it would be a symbolic victory. If he vetoes it already, there's going to be crumbling pressure on Governor-Elect Andrew Cuomo," said Walter Hang, President of Toxics Targeting.

"Right now we have the de-facto moratorium in place and we're working on getting the draft SGEIS withdrawn and that is our main focus," said Brendan Woodruff, Campaign Coordinator for NYPIRG.

Woodruff was formally introduced Thursday night as NYPIRG's new field organizer. He will work primarily on Marcellus Shale concerns in the Southern Tier.