

Thousands Want DEC Draft Withdrawn

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(WBNG Binghamton) With the DEC hearing in Binghamton this week there's a call to scrap the DEC's revised draft supplemental generic environmental impact statement.

While others will call to press forward with natural gas drilling in New York's shale areas.

More than three thousand people have signed a letter calling upon Governor Andrew Cuomo to withdraw the DEC's revised draft report.

Binghamton Mayor Matthew Ryan penned his signature on the letter too.

In a statement to Action News Mayor Ryan says "I've signed onto this letter to protect our citizens, our environment and our economy. This is undoubtedly the most important decision that we will make as a community in the next hundred years, and we have to make it properly."

President of Toxics Targeting Walter Hang wrote the letter to Governor Cuomo.

He believes the DEC is ignoring major issues with hydrofracking.

President of the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce and member of Clean Growth Now, Lou Santoni disagrees.

"It's good for the community, the DEC has done their due diligence, the time really now is to act," says Santoni.

"To say that there have never been hydrofracking problems in New York is just factually incorrect and that's one of the main reasons why I believe the revised draft SGEIS is a dishonest document, it's a sham," says Hang.

The DEC public hearing in Binghamton will be held on Thursday at the Forum Theater from 1 to 4 pm and another session from 6 to 9 pm.

The DEC says they will review the comments made on the revised draft SGEIS and prepare responses to be released with the final SGEIS.