

# Questions Your County Should Be Asking About Fracking

**Beware of what you're going to hear today. Don't let big energy take away your power to decide these issues:**

## **1. Water Usage**

- a. Does your community have the right to prioritize water needs?  
(Should agricultural & residential needs have priority during droughts?)
- b. Do you want to allow industry to take water from lands they are fracking, whether it is private or public water, without permit from local authorities?

## **2. Road Usage**

- a. Do you want to set maximum truck tonnage, hours of operation, & truck speed limits?
- b. Do you want the right to divert truck traffic to avoid homes & schools?

## **3. Chemicals Used and Baseline Monitoring**

- a. Do you want to know what chemicals are being used even if they are proprietary?
- b. Will you have the funds to conduct tests to address pollution caused by hundreds of chemicals? Will you have access to baseline water and air monitoring?

## **4. Emergency Services**

- a. Will local responders be trained, with proper equipment, to handle spills of hazardous materials, blowouts, fires & chemical exposure?

## **5. Zoning and Setbacks**

- a. Will you be able to establish setbacks greater than 300 feet for lakes and greater than 500 feet from houses, schools & vital infrastructure?

## **6. Waste Management**

- a. What power will you have to determine disposal of toxic waste?

## **7. Air & Water Contamination**

- a. How will residents, municipalities, and counties be compensated in the event of aquifer or surface water contamination from fracking?
- b. Will you have the power to set limits on emissions from well sites, equipment, waste pits, diesel engines, and silica from frac sand?

## **8. Health Impacts on Residents and Workers**

- a. Are local medical services prepared to handle the health effects from exposure to fracking chemicals and contaminants from the shale, both in terms of acute and long-term exposure, for both residents and workers?
- b. How will local medical services be trained and financed, and have access to names of the chemicals used in fracking?

## **9. Property value losses and damage to other local industries**

- a. How will landowners and businesses be compensated for loss in values for their land/businesses, and how will these losses impact the economy??

## **10. Tax Structure**

- a. Will the industry be required to pay (via taxes/bonds) for emergency service training and equipment, damage to roads, infrastructure, and any other expenses incurred by the municipality or county?

