

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: CATSKILL CITIZENS SENDS FRACKING BROCHURE TO 158,000 HOUSEHOLDS**

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, Catskill Citizens for Safe Energy will mail a brochure entitled "*What Do You Know about Hydraulic Fracturing?*" to every household in Delaware, Sullivan, and Ulster counties.

The mailing will reach 158,000 households and is scheduled to coincide with the release of the revised draft version of the Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement by the New York State Department of Environmental Protection.

The DEC's SGEIS is expected to allow gas drillers to use a controversial technique known as high-volume hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking", which has never been permitted in the state before. Fracking involves injecting millions of gallons of toxic fluid underground to release methane trapped in shale formations. It has already been linked to over 1,000 cases of water contamination in other parts of the country.

The idea for the brochure came from New Paltz resident Kelleigh McKenzie who says "Even though the issue was getting some media attention, I kept coming across people in my community who had never even heard of hydraulic fracturing. This seemed like the best way to get the word out, especially to rural residents who might be approached to lease their land for fracking."

"Education is the key to a sane energy policy for our state" says Catskill Citizens member Bruce Ferguson. "We know that most informed people don't think the rewards of fracking are worth the risks, but many New Yorkers are still unaware that the gas corporations want to use this new and dangerous technology in our backyards."

Catskill Citizens partnered with the Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development on the project which was made possible by a grant from the Civil Society Institute.

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**Brochure attached.**