



## ESSENTIAL READING ON UNCONVENTIONAL SHALE GAS EXTRACTION

### NEWS:

**ProPublica** (<http://www.propublica.org>) See "Gas Drilling" under "Quick Links".

**The River Reporter** (<http://www.riverreporter.com/>) Local drilling news.

### SCIENCE:

#### **Water Resources and Natural Gas Production from the Marcellus Shale**

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2009/3032/pdf/FS2009-3032.pdf>

*A five page report prepared by the United States Geological Service.*

#### **Hydraulic Fracturing 101**

<http://www.earthworksaction.org/FracingDetails.cfm>

*A brief introduction to the process used to extract natural gas from shale formations.*

### HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS:

#### **Drinking water at Risk**

<http://www.earthworksaction.org/pubs/DrinkingWaterAtRisk.pdf>

*An in-depth look at how hydraulic fracturing may affect drinking water.*

#### **How Many Truckloads Does It Take?**

<http://catskillcitizens.org/learnmore/truckloads.pdf>

*Truck traffic generated by the development of a single horizontal well.*

### ECONOMIC IMPACT:

#### **Unanswered Questions About The Economic Impact of Gas Drilling In the Marcellus Shale: Don't Jump to Conclusions**

<http://catskillcitizens.org/learnmore/bartheco.PDF>

*The economic impact of drilling in several states does not support the conclusion that shale gas extraction will benefit New York State. Prepared by: Jannette M. Barth, Ph.D., JM Barth & Associates, Inc. March 2010.*

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