

WHY HAVE YOUR LEGISLATORS ALLOWED FRACKING IN IDAHO?



Thousands of acres of State and private land have already been leased in southern Idaho, more leasing is continually underway... Gas & Oil likely *is* coming to your area soon!

SOME OF THE TYPICAL CONSEQUENCES OF NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT:

Air pollution – from drilling, fracking, “flaring” (off-gassing), trucks, facilities/pipeline emissions

Water contamination – via drilling/fracking, spills/leaks, well blowouts, waste disposal of water carrying toxic chemicals used in both conventional and “fracking” well treatments

Threats to agriculture and soil quality – use of millions of gallons of precious water (per well, if fracking); after contamination, may be injected into aquifers, disposed of by spraying onto fields/roads, or evaporated into the air, all can travel into soil root zones as well as water sources

Inherent industry problems that worsen with time – faulty well casings/cement failure, leaking equipment, abandoned wells; naturally-occurring radioactive materials brought to the surface in wastewater from any well, especially if fracked, migrating into soil and water

Adverse health effects – stress from ongoing, up-to-24/7 noise/light pollution; respiratory illnesses, chronic skin problems, nausea, neurological ailments; increased pre-term births, birth defects, low birth weights; increased vehicle fatalities, injuries, burns from explosions; animal sickness/deaths

Adverse personal property effects – decline in property values, much harder to sell properties to wary buyers, threats to mortgages/insurance policies, inability to get new mortgages/farm loans

Adverse community effects – few jobs, most dangerous, temporary, and taken by outsiders, local hospitals burdened with care of un- or under-insured workers; increased traffic, accidents; increased calls on police, ambulance, and ill-trained fire services; increased crime, drug use, prostitution; road damage; diminished tax revenues due to lower property values; industrialization of residential/rural areas, decreased community appeal overall

Earthquakes and seismic activity – from wastewater being injected into empty wells, from fracking itself; more minor damage can result from seismic testing as well; what about old dams nearby?

[For more info, SEE <http://concernedhealthny.org/compedium/>]

WE ARE NOT PROTECTED BY REGULATIONS AS ONE WOULD THINK! *This industry is exempt from several major federal environmental laws, and the State of Idaho has meager regulatory powers.*

AND ON TOP OF IT ALL, some homeowners are being forced to do business with a company that Moody's Investment Service rates with 'junk' financial status! ...These are the people who, with the blessing of our Idaho legislators, are **working to FORCE property owners to lease to them (and help to pay their development costs!)**.

Are you concerned? You have reason to be! Want to stop this?

HELP US PROTECT THE PRIVATE RIGHTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH OF ALL OF US IN IDAHO