

There has been concern on the Ulysses town board and from community members about the Energy Act of 2005 which exempts Gas and Oil Drilling activities from the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. HR 2766 which was recently introduced by Representative Diana DeGette, Representative Maurice Hinchey, and Representative Jared Solis would restore those protections. We urge you to support this bill which would encourage responsible drilling which is of importance to many citizens in the Town of Ulysses who have signed gas drilling leases as well as to the general public.

House Bill 2766 also aids leaseholders and others concerned with clean water supplies by requiring the gas companies to release the chemical components of their proprietary fracturing substances to the public. Without this information it is nearly impossible for leaseholders and waste water treatment facilities to obtain meaningful baseline testing of their water. Baseline testing is critical in deterring whether a polluting event has occurred that needs remediation. The bill also protects public health and safety by requiring the release of the actual chemical formulas of the "fracking" substances to an assisting health professional should there be a medical emergency.

Respectfully yours,

Board Members of the Town of Ulysses

cc: Rep. Maurice Hinchey

Ms. Thomas read and moved, seconded by Mr. Ferrentino the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE AND FEDERAL BILLS PROTECTING  
DRINKING WATER**

Whereas the Town of Ulysses stands to protect the safety of drinking water for all its residents and all waters within the Great Lakes Basin Compact of which Ulysses and Cayuga Lake is part, and

Whereas gas companies propose to use a technique called hydrofracturing to extract gas from wells drilled in the Marcellus Shale. This technique is without a proven record of ensuring the safety of ground water as a result of the hydrofracturing process, and

Whereas proven processes for safely purifying or disposing of the spent liquid resulting from the hydrofracturing process are not in place, leaving the fate of the this liquid in question, and

Whereas approximately forty percent of lands in the Town of Ulysses are leased to gas drilling companies,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Ulysses Town Board urges representatives at the state and federal level to support any state or federal legislation or regulation that definitively protects water resources, including drinking water. We support the House of Representatives Bill 2766 sponsored by Maurice Hinchey, Diana DeGette, and Jared Solis, and Senate Bill 1215 sponsored by Robert Casey and Charles Schumer which asks for a repeal of the exemption of hydrofracturing liquid from the Safe Drinking Water Act of 2005 and also requires the ingredients of hydrofracturing liquid to be public.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Paterson, Senators Winner, Seward, and Nozzolio, Speaker Silver, Assemblywoman Lifton, Chair of Senate Committee on Environmental Conservation Marcellino, Chair of Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation Sweeney, Attorney General Cuomo, Representatives Arcuri and Hinchey, Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, New York State Association of Towns, Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Pete Grannis, and New York State Deputy Secretary for the Environment Judith Enck.

Mr. Austic	aye
Mr. Ferrentino	aye
Mr. Kerness	aye
Ms. Thomas	aye