DOCUMENT THE CONDITION OF YOUR ASSETS BEFORE DRILLING (OR SEISMIC TESTING) BEGINS.

If your property suffers no ill effects from seismic testing, drilling, or hydrofracturing, you will be out a little film and effort. But if your foundation cracks, your water is polluted, or you suffer other damage to your assets, you'll have no legal recourse if you haven't done baseline documentation. What may seem like an obvious connection between a chemical spill and your dead trees may not stand up in court without documentation.

SEE THE ENCLOSED GASWATCH SHEET FOR TIPS ON PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OTHER PROOF

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS CAN SUFFER ESPECIALLY FROM SEISMIC TESTING

Photograph house and outbuilding foundations from the outside - *and* from the inside if there is a basement or cellar.

YOUR WATER WELL IS A CRITICAL PART OF YOUR PROPERTY ASSET

Water *quantity* (levels, flow rates) should be established by photos of spring boxes or cisterns, written flow rate estimates from your well driller, notarized written testimony by house residents , barn managers, etc.

Water *quality* baseline testing will be your biggest up-front expense, but testing done by a certified laboratory provides a baseline for much cheaper "red flag" tests that should be done at intervals after the gas wells are completed.

- The enclosed brochure from the Community Science Institute explains the hows and whys of water testing. Also found in more detail at http://un-naturalgas.org/Gas%20wells%20and%20water%20FAQ-Documenting%20Contamination.pdf
- A list of other testing laboratories in your area can be accessed at http://un-naturalgas.org/resources_and_documents.htm
- Groups of neighbors testing at one time can reduce charges for travel-time and mileage

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YOUR OTHER ASSETS SHOULD BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND TESTIMONY AS TO THEIR QUALITY RECORDED

- Landscape elements: trees and lawns have been affected by well site spills
- Construction of pads and haul roads may affect drainage to and from your property
- Watch for changes in drainage from adjacent manured fields
- Noise and nighttime light levels may be adversely affected, perhaps forever, if compressor stations are sited nearby
- Driveway aprons and shoulders can be impacted by gas-related activity
- Pets, farm animals and wildlife are attracted to the salts in drill-cutting and flowback ponds

COMMUNITY ASSETS NEED DOCUMENTATION

- Local road damage may impact your commuting, school bus safety, fire and ambulance access, and access by gravel, concrete, delivery, logging and other businesses you own or use
- Village wells can be affected by gas activity in/near water source recharge areas
- Spraying of roads with flowback fluids for dust control, though legal, should be documented

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