

**From:** [elyse.cadogan](mailto:elyse.cadogan)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Calling for a Moratorium on New Oil and Gas Wells in Erie, CO  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 06, 2012 12:20:50 AM

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Dear Commissioner Domenico,

As a resident of Erie, I am very concerned with the abundance of oil and gas drilling and fracking in our community/backyards. I am writing to request your assistance on placing an immediate moratorium on further drilling in Erie, Colorado on this 5th day of March, 2012. I am very concerned about the potential negative impacts to surface water, ground water, our air quality, our health and environment. I feel that further research including a community impact study must be done and the EPA's report released before we continue this potentially harmful practice. I have a background in Environmental Biology/Ecology and am currently pursuing my MBA at the University of Colorado at Denver. I have lived in Erie for 2.5 years and up until now, I had been a big proponent of encouraging our friends and community to move to Erie for a great quality of life.

Thank you for your time and for your leadership in helping to make our community a healthy place to live by placing a moratorium on further drilling in our community until we more fully understand potential negative impacts to our health and community. Thank you for doing the right thing to help make Erie a place we can be proud to call home. I would appreciate a written response to know that my concerns are being heard and any information on what you can do as a County Commissioner.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Jen Palazzolo](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Erie Rising  
**Date:** Monday, March 05, 2012 4:48:25 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I want to thank you for allowing me to testify before you on Thursday. The issue of fracking is such a crucial one and I commend each of you for being proactive for Boulder County. Erie is on the reactive side and protecting the people and the environment is much harder once it has begun in such a large capacity.

I wanted to personally invite you and your staff to attend the final event for Empowering Erie. We have our expert panel returning to answer Q&A from everyone. This time is devoted to the people having their questions and concerns addressed. I hope that you can join us to listen as well as have your own questions answered.

Please feel free to call or email if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Jennifer Palazzolo

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**SHANE DAVIS, Chair, Sierra Club PCG**

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**From:** [George Hartman III](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Ban Fracking Now  
**Date:** Monday, March 05, 2012 12:15:19 PM

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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I commend you for taking the right step forward and passing a six-month moratorium on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in Boulder County. However, I urge you to use this time to move forward with a full fracking ban.

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As your constituent, I urge you to impose a moratorium on fracking in Boulder County, so that you can investigate all options to place a permanent ban on fracking.

George Hartman III  
2514 Evans Ave  
Louisville, CO 80027

**From:** [paul shankman](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Ban Fracking Now  
**Date:** Saturday, March 03, 2012 4:12:57 PM

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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

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paul shankman  
704 pleasant  
Boulder, CO 80302

**From:** [Christel Markevich](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Spam: fracking  
**Date:** Friday, March 02, 2012 4:58:00 PM

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Hi,

I am Anyll and I am 8 years old.

Fracking is a big mistake. You and me, the society, the citizens are the ones that have the power to stop it. How can we stop it?

Well, we need to stop our need for gas. We are pulling both ways. We are signing petitions asking to stop fracking. But we need and buy the gas for our daily life.

The fracking companies won't stop if we don't stop asking for gas.

How can we get out of this?

We have to develop solar panels. Why not to put solar panels on the public land instead of allowing fracking on the public land.

Solar panels are so FUN!!!!

Thank you for reading me.

Anyll

**From:** [karey@boulder.net](mailto:karey@boulder.net)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** The (revolutionary!) Gas Producer's testimony supporting a CCA-like program  
**Date:** Friday, March 02, 2012 11:37:59 AM  
**Attachments:** [Weinstein Testimony COGP Feb 23 2012 FINAL\[1\].pdf](#)

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Dear Commissioners---

Re: natural gas/fracking: for your reference, I thought I'd send you a copy of the Robert Weinstein testimony (which I mentioned last night) filed on February 23rd with regard to PUC Docket 11A-833E (the new WindSource proposal by Xcel).

What the Colorado Gas Producers -- EnCana and Noble Gas-- are suggesting is nothing short of ASTONISHING. I hope you will take time to read carefully, and in particular, their support of a "community energy" program in the attached pdf document. This sort of a Community-Choice-Aggregation-like program within Xcel would be a dream come true for many of us, I believe.

All the more reason that we need to better understand whether natural gas can truly be that "bridge" fuel. Also please read an excerpted comment to the PUC about how a "loading order" might help foster cleaner practices for both the coal and gas industries, through competition:

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If such a new program is developed/suggested by Xcel, it would seem important if not utterly necessary to incorporate a "loading-order" feature (where cleanest, most efficient generation sources are prioritized), much as California has for its regulated utilities. I am not aware of a strong directive for this in Colorado's rulings, currently. That way, not only could DSM and renewable generation be given top priority, but further, if the full natural gas-generation production cycle (as well as its integration with renewables) is found to be more carbon-intensive/climate-impactful than coal generation (including integration), adjustments could be made to create a "balance" of fossil fuel generation-types. This would also give incentive for both the coal and gas industries to function as cleanly as possible.

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Thanks so much for your consideration. Please keep up your careful concern on this issue.

Karey Christ-Janer (Boulder landlord)  
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Berthoud, Co 80513  
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**From:** [Keith Jarvis](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Ban Fracking Now  
**Date:** Thursday, March 08, 2012 7:21:50 AM

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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I commend you for taking the right step forward and passing a six-month moratorium on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in Boulder County. However, I urge you to use this time to move forward with a full fracking ban.

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As your constituent, I urge you to impose a moratorium on fracking in Boulder County, so that you can investigate all options to place a permanent ban on fracking.

Keith Jarvis  
4843 Franklin Dr  
Boulder, CO 80301

**From:** [Heather Baines](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Ban Fracking Now  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 06, 2012 9:07:25 AM

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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I commend you for taking the right step forward and passing a six-month moratorium on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in Boulder County. However, I urge you to use this time to move forward with a full fracking ban.

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As your constituent, I urge you to impose a moratorium on fracking in Boulder County, so that you can investigate all options to place a permanent ban on fracking.

Heather Baines  
680 Poplar Ave  
Boulder, CO 80304

**From:** [dan.evolutionarylaw@gmail.com](mailto:dan.evolutionarylaw@gmail.com) on behalf of [Dan Leftwich](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Written Comments Re: County Moratorium On Oil And Gas Permits  
**Date:** Monday, March 12, 2012 11:40:25 AM  
**Attachments:** [MDLS Comments 3-12-12.pdf](#)

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Commissioners,  
Please accept for the record my written comments regarding the need for an open-ended moratorium on hydraulic fracturing in Boulder County. Thank you for your efforts in this important matter. Sincerely,

Dan Leftwich

**From:** [Alyson de Recat](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Ban Fracking Now  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012 10:35:26 AM

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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

Hydraulic fracturing (fracking) can contaminate our drinking water and harm our communities. Furthermore, the proposals to allow Boulder County Open Space to be fracked are inappropriate on land purchased with tax payer funds to be preserved for public recreation and the environment.

As your constituent, I urge you to impose a moratorium on fracking in Boulder County, so that you can investigate all options to place a permanent ban on fracking.

Alyson de Recat  
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**From:** [cliffsmedley@netzero.net](mailto:cliffsmedley@netzero.net)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Cc:** [Gardner, Deb](#); [dan@minddrivelegal.com](mailto:dan@minddrivelegal.com)  
**Subject:** Fw: How communities can resist fracking  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012 9:28:20 AM  
**Attachments:** [How communities can resist fracking.msg](#)

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Dear Commissioners,

I would like to concur with Dan Leftwich's point of view regarding Fracking in Boulder County. A ban of Fracking is completely justified and I believe that the electorate is demanding exactly that as evidenced by the substantial activism in Erie and Longmont.

Sincerely,

Cliff Smedley  
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Lafayette, CO 80026  
Cellphone: 303-808-0117

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[Local Woman Reveals Wrinkle Secret That Has Doctors Angry.](#)  
[TheSmartStyleLiving.com](http://TheSmartStyleLiving.com)

**From:** [Padma Wick](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Comments relating to Moratorium on Oil and Gas  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012 9:40:55 AM  
**Attachments:** [PastedGraphic-1.tiff](#)

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Dear Commissioners,

One of the most serious questions to face Boulder County has fallen on your shoulders.

I urge you to consider Dan Leftwich's presentation in its entirety as a way you can surely protect this County from the kind of damages that promises to ensue with fracking. I do believe your constituents, the people and businesses of Boulder County, are demanding that.

Sincerely,  
Padma Wick  
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Longmont, Co 80503

**From:** [dan.evolutionarylaw@gmail.com](mailto:dan.evolutionarylaw@gmail.com) on behalf of [Dan Leftwich](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Addendum to Public Comments From MindDrive Legal Services  
**Date:** Monday, March 19, 2012 5:19:46 PM  
**Attachments:** [MDLS Comments 3-19-12.pdf](#)

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County Commissioners,  
Please place the attached Addendum to Public Comments From MindDrive Legal Services, LLC in the public record on proceedings related to the moratorium on oil and gas drilling in Boulder County. Thank you.

Dan Leftwich

**From:** [Joan Raderman](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Ban Fracking Now  
**Date:** Friday, March 23, 2012 9:58:00 AM

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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I commend you for taking the right step forward and passing a six-month moratorium on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in Boulder County. However, I urge you to use this time to move forward with a full fracking ban.

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As your constituent, I urge you to impose a moratorium on fracking in Boulder County, so that you can investigate all options to place a permanent ban on fracking.

Joan Raderman  
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Boulder 80305  
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**From:** [Janice Michon](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Fracking  
**Date:** Sunday, March 25, 2012 4:14:42 PM

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Hi folks!

PLEASE do not allow fracking on public lands.

I am concerned about all the reasons that are in the news.

Thank you! Janice Michon

**From:** [Judith Blackburn](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Fracking  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 04, 2012 2:17:31 PM

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Dear Ms. Gardner, Ms. Delmenico, and Mrs. Toor:

I encourage you to adopt an ordinance that effectively bans fracking in Boulder County on the basis that it violates the guaranteed rights of citizens to health, safety, and a sustainable lifestyle. I realize that the state claims to preempt your power to do this, but I want you to know that the citizens of Boulder County will support you on any legal challenges that may follow from your determination to oppose the powerful oil and gas corporations on this matter.

Sincerely,

Judith Blackburn  
3724 Oakwood Drive  
Longmont, CO 80503

**From:** [Pamela Sherman](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners; pam\\_sher](#)  
**Subject:** Fracking in Boulder County  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 04, 2012 11:09:22 AM

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Dear Commissioners Toor, Domenico, and Gardner,

Please ban fracking in Boulder County. You have received much information both scientific and personal anecdotal on why this is crucial, so I don't need to repeat this here. You will be allowing Boulder County to continue becoming a third world-type resource colony if you do not ban this. The Halliburton Loophole has emasculated all efforts to keep our communities safe. Regulation, however "heavy," means permitting, ie. fracking--on their terms.

Our land and citizenry are casualties of their extractive process--once through the loss of our water and fouling of the commons, resulting in heartbreaking health issues and no water and second because of financial machinations. First we are supposed to switch to natural gas. Second, as you also likely know, gas is slated to be exported within two years (per Lisa Jackson), which will drive national gas prices through the roof--great for the corporations, horrific for citizens and small businesses who will not be able to afford this fuel and who have not switched to renewables due to that cost. Where will we be then?

To quote Michael Klare, professor and author of the newly-released book ***The Race for What's Left***, "How we characterize our energy predicament in the coming decades and what path we ultimately select will in large measure determine the fate of this nation."

As you already know, the community rights approach has been implemented in over 100 communities with no lawsuits. As you also know, a lawsuit at some point somewhere will be inevitable. The evidence then that corporate pre-emption includes pre-empting our water, air, soil, health, and local self-determination will then be obvious to the county, state, and nation. **Please include full-cost accounting in your deliberations.** If a lawsuit costs \$1 million but you are losing several million *per year* due to truck traffic, lost tourist dollars, etc. etc. isn't it obvious which course is the wise one to pursue, both morally and financially?

I understand that you have first loyalty to uphold state pre-emption laws. However, when those laws are patently unjust to the people who elected you, I am asking that you do that which accords with human decency and side with the people.

**Please have a reasoned discussion about banning fracking based on community rights with** the lawyer who evolved and implemented this approach both within and outside the U.S., **Thomas Linzey of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund.** Their website is [www.celdf.org](http://www.celdf.org)

Citizens are counting on you and will support you all the way in this strong approach.

Yours truly,

Pamela Sherman

**From:** [Judith Blackburn](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Fracking  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 04, 2012 2:17:45 PM

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Dear Mr. Toor, Ms. Delmenico, and Ms. Gardner:

I wish to encourage each of you to adopt an ordinance that would effectively ban fracking in Boulder County on the basis that the potential threats to health and sustainability violate the guaranteed rights of Boulder County citizens. I realize that the state claims preemption in the case of oil and gas development, but I think you will find that the citizens you are pledged to protect will support you in any legal challenges that may arise from standing your ground against the large oil and gas corporations promoting their own self-interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Judith Blackburn

**From:** [Pamela Sherman](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Las Vegas City Council PASSES COMMUNITY RIGHTS ORDINANCE BANNING FRACKING  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 04, 2012 3:41:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [Anti-fracking law adopted LasVegasOptic.com.pdf](#)

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Las Vegas New Mexico is the first community in the West to ban fracking and drilling...  
what courage this takes! -- can any Colorado community emulate this progress?  
Wes

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Drilling Mora County <[drillingmoracounty@gmail.com](mailto:drillingmoracounty@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** April 4, 2012 11:33:18 AM MDT  
**To:** "Recipient List Suppressed": ;  
**Subject:** Las Vegas City Council VOTES to PASS COMMUNITY RIGHTS ORDINANCE

An article in the Las Vegas Optic is attached.

April 4, 2012  
Las Vegas, New Mexico

Las Vegas, New Mexico Council Votes to Pass the Community Bill of Rights Banning Corporations from Fracking for Shale Gas

"Along with the City of Pittsburgh, this is how we change federal law, folks. It starts at the bottom. We do this, and other cities do it. It starts a ball rolling that hopefully will not stop. We change our laws in this great country that protect us instead of protecting corporations." --- Andrew Feldman, sponsor of "Las Vegas Community Water Rights and Self-Government Ordinance"

Monday night the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico, City Council voted on a community Bill of Rights. It is known as the "Las Vegas Community Protective Water Rights and Local Self-Government Ordinance." This Ordinance establishes a new system of law--giving rights to citizens and nature.

The City Council voted 3-1 in favour of the Ordinance. In favor: Councilman Feldman, Councilwoman Tonita Gurule Giron and Councilman Romero. Opposed: Newly elected Councilman Vince Howell.

This community rights ordinance is the first rights-based ordinance to pass in the southwest. It takes courage to be the first on the block, but more importantly, it takes a strong moral compass to stand up for the rights of the citizens when the pressure to support the status quo is

dauntingly powerful.

Councilman Andrew Feldman sponsored the Ordinance, advocating for the rights that citizens and ecosystems thrive in the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico, as they would under this community rights ordinance. He is committed to working with other New Mexico communities to help them pass community rights ordinances.

In the words of Councilwoman Tonita Gurule Giron, after the vote, "It was the right thing to do."  
Councilwoman Gurule Giron is running in the City of Las Vegas mayoral race. The voting date is April 17th, 2012.

At the request of a committee of Las Vegas citizens, the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, CELDF, known for their work with communities around the world, helped them draft a rights-based ordinance which they then presented to Councilman Feldman for his support.

Today the community of Las Vegas will stand along side with over 140 communities across the United States who exert their rights to local self-government, local sustainability, and a Bill of Rights that protect their communities and nature from corporate threats. And perhaps most importantly, establish Democracy within their communities for the first time in their lifetimes.

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**From:** [Dan Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Fracking  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 04, 2012 9:56:12 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

When fracking, a lot of trucks and big rigs are damaging county roads. If Weld County can be used as a guide, the damage to our roads will exceed the entire budget for the Boulder County Road Maintenance Division.

Boulder has had droughts in the past. We will have them again. What are you going to tell the people when the frackers are using hundreds of millions of gallons of their water?

In a few years, when toxins are discovered in the water table, what is your plan to address the problem?

When a local landowner has been wronged by frackers, what chance does your lawyer think he has of winning in court?

Citing budget concerns, Parks and Open Space have already declined to investigate reported environmental spills on Open Space related to fracking. What will happen when the number of fracking operations increase?

Community Rights Ordinances have been enacted in other states. Although they have been successful, you decline to try this approach to protect Boulder.

What do you have against winning?

Dan Frazier

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**From:** [Pamela Sherman](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Shale Gas Financial Analyst March 2012 presentation transcript  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 04, 2012 5:30:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [Blank 20.pdf](#)

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Dear Commissioners,

Attached please find the presentation transcript by Deborah Rogers on the economics of shale gas extraction.

Ms Rogers began her financial career in London working in corporate finance and later served as a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch and Smith Barney. She then started an artisanal cheese making operation in Texas and became interested in natural gas when an energy company planned 12 high impact wells next to her dairy property. After exhaustive research, she began speaking out in 2009 about anomalies she had identified in the shale gas industry, including false expectations of the yields and profitability of many shale gas plays and over-hyping of investments therein.

Ms Rogers is the founder of the Energy Policy Forum, a prominent web site and blog for discussion on these and related matters. She was featured in a lengthy NY Times article by Ian Urbina on June 26, 2011 entitled "Insiders Sound an Alarm Amid a Natural Gas Rush."

Yours truly,  
Pamela Sherman

My iPad accepts sole responsibility for all grammatical and spelling errors.

**From:** [Dan Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Spam: community rights  
**Date:** Thursday, April 05, 2012 2:32:19 AM

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Setting aside the grave concerns raised by its legal counsel and its insurer, the Las Vegas City Council voted 3-1 on Monday to approve a community bill of rights ordinance, becoming the first municipality in the state to do so.

**From:** [Dan Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** community rights  
**Date:** Thursday, April 05, 2012 2:44:45 AM

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Tuesday, June 14th, the Town of Wales, NY, adopted a community rights ordinance titled "**Town of Wales Community Protection of Natural Resources.**" The Ordinance ( No.3-2011) was enacted as a local law under NYS Municipal Home Rule Act, which recognizes broad police powers under the statute. The Ordinance establishes a Bill of Rights for Wales residents and "recognizes and secures certain civil and political rights of the residents of the Town of Wales to govern themselves and protect themselves from harm to their persons, property and environment."

**From:** [Dan Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Spam: community rights  
**Date:** Thursday, April 05, 2012 2:57:23 AM

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Current environmental regulatory structures are mostly about “permitting” certain harms to occur – acting more to legalize the activities of corporations and other business entities than to protect our natural and human communities

**From:** [Dan Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** community rights  
**Date:** Thursday, April 05, 2012 2:59:44 AM

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***"We are very pleased to announce our first ordinance adopted in New York State. It bans corporations from natural gas drilling and fracking." Mari Margil, Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund***

**From:** [Dan Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Spam: community rights  
**Date:** Thursday, April 05, 2012 3:01:46 AM

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Wednesday, October 19, 2011) By a unanimous vote, the Borough Council of Forest Hills, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, voted to adopt a Local Bill of Rights, along with a prohibition on natural gas extraction to protect those rights.

**From:** [rod brueske](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Ban Fracking Now  
**Date:** Thursday, April 05, 2012 8:36:33 AM

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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

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As your constituent, I urge you to impose a moratorium on fracking in Boulder County, so that you can investigate all options to place a permanent ban on fracking.

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longmont, CO 80504  
720-244-1148

**From:** [Dan Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** community rights  
**Date:** Thursday, April 05, 2012 8:54:16 AM

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We need a Community Rights Ordinance to really protect Boulder. We need Winston Churchhills, not Neville Chamberlains. Get out there and fight for our inalienable rights to safety.

***"Those who say it can not be done, should get out of the way of those that are doing it"*** Calvin Tillman

**From:** [KATE JOHNSON](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Preparation for April 16th Meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, April 05, 2012 10:06:56 AM

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Dear County Commissioners,

As you prepare for the meeting to be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, I hope you will take the time to consider the following information as it pertains to the difficult decisions you'll be making about how to deal with the complexities of the hydraulic fracturing issue in Boulder County:

- Fracking IS already impacting air quality in a very real and dangerous way in Weld County and Eastern Boulder County as evidenced by the February NOAA report which concluded that our air quality is worse than that of Los Angeles<sup>1</sup>.
  
- Pam Milnoe from your Public Health Dept. stated that 11 out of 17 counties in Colorado (including Boulder) are already out of compliance with federal air quality standards. Since 40-60 times more methane is released in fracking than in conventional drilling, can you imagine how bad our air will be if we have 1843 new wells in Boulder County as projected? How do you think the elite athletes who train in Boulder will feel about training in an area with such bad air pollution? How much more of an increase in childhood asthma are we willing to tolerate before we take action?
  
- If we allow fracking to continue into Boulder County, the economic impact to the Transportation Department alone is projected to be as much as \$9 million dollars (out of an \$11-12 million annual budget) according to Transportation Department's George Gerstle.
  
- Many studies have been done that show that Jobs as well as Taxes and Revenues generated by fracking have been grossly overstated and do not take into account all the jobs and revenue that may be lost to reductions in tourism, losses to agriculture, lowered property values, and increased health costs to name just a few<sup>2</sup>.
  
- We just came off the driest March in history. In the 4/4/12 edition of the Longmont Times-Call, the headline on page 5 read **Fracking Bidders Top Farmers at Water Auction**. What will become of our agricultural industry in Boulder County and along the Front Range if we continue to allow the oil and gas

industry to take millions upon millions of water out of the hydrological system forever?

You have been told by your county attorneys, the COGCC and even our governor that you cannot ban fracking. You have been told that you must work within the current regulatory system, which effectively ties your hands and makes it impossible for you to protect your own county's economic, environmental, and human health and well-being. If it isn't clear to you yet that the regulatory system is very broken and completely inadequate, you haven't been paying attention. If it isn't clear to you that the regulatory system is set up to protect corporate rights as opposed to individual and community rights, you have some research to do yet.

I understand that you are feeling like you are between a rock and a hard place. I understand that you may want to do the right thing by your community but are not sure what that is or how to do it. I understand that this is a complex issue and that the easiest thing to do would be to follow the attorneys' and the state agency's advice of working within the regulatory system. But there is ample and mounting evidence that this would not only be ineffective, but could be disastrous for our community.

**There IS a way to ban fracking in our community and there are a growing number of concerned citizens that will support you in doing this.** You CAN enact a County Ordinance to ban fracking. Here are just a few suggestions for how to make the case for banning fracking in Boulder County:

1. Form a citizen's task force to help do the research needed and to help educate the community on the economic, environmental and human risks of allowing the status quo. Much of this work has already been done and we are more than willing and able to share our knowledge and energy with you.
2. Invite experts from outside the oil & gas industry to educate you and lead you through the process for enacting a ban. Some suggestions include:
  - o Wes Wilson, retired EPA whistleblower;
  - o Phil Doe, water expert with Be the Change.org;
  - o Shane Davis, COGCC researcher and Sierra Club chapter president;
  - o Steven Brown or Joost De Gouw, NOAA researchers on air quality;
  - o Deborah Rogers, Financial Analyst who has done extensive research on the economic impacts of fracking;

- o Thomas Linzey; attorney with the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund who has successfully enacted bans in hundreds of communities;
- o Sam Schabacker, Denver Director for Food & Water Watch, another organization that has successfully helped enact fracking bans.

Forty Years ago, a groundbreaking research study was done by researchers at MIT called ***The Limits to Growth***<sup>3</sup>. According to their computer models, if we continued the business-as-usual scenario of consuming more than nature was capable of providing, global collapse and precipitous population decline could occur by 2030. A recent research project compared real-world data from 1970 to 2000 with the business-as-usual scenario and found the predictions nearly matched current facts. The researcher concluded that “we are not on a sustainable trajectory”.

Don't you think that fighting for our inalienable rights of ***defending our lives and liberties, protecting our property, and seeking and obtaining our safety and happiness*** by issuing an ordinance to ban fracking is worth the possible costs of litigation, especially when you consider the inevitable costs of allowing business-as-usual? We are counting on you to do the right thing for our community and our lives.

Sincerely and Respectfully,  
*Kate Johnson*  
*Unincorporated Boulder County*  
*303-485-7885*

1. <http://www.agu.org/pubs/crossref/2012/2011JD016360.shtml>

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[Growth.html](#)

**From:** [Wilson, Ken](#)  
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**Subject:** Article in Science on fluid injections into Earth's crust triggering quakes  
**Date:** Friday, April 13, 2012 5:29:13 PM  
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The attached article has the latest science on the triggering of quakes by fluid injection. The gist of the article is the following:

"First off, fracking for shale gas is not touching off the earthquakes that have been shaking previously calm regions from New Mexico to Texas, Ohio and Arkansas. But all manner of other energy-related fluid injection - including deep disposal of fracking's wastewater, extraction of methane from coal beds, and creation of geothermal energy reservoirs - is in fact setting off disturbingly strong earthquakes."

The upshot for the future is that before deep injection occurs, the geology of the specific area should be reviewed. If there is any question of faults that might be triggered, sismometers should be installed and watched for small quakes or shifts, in real time as the injection starts. If quakes start occurring, the injection can be throttled down or shut down. The good news is that the quakes in a problem area are proportional to the injection that is occurring and stop with the injection stops.

Lisa Morzel is the expert in geology. I just thought to send this interesting article on to everyone.

Ken Wilson

**From:** [Elizabeth Frick](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Please ban all hydraulic fracking in Boulder County  
**Date:** Sunday, April 15, 2012 3:58:07 PM

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I am unable to attend the meeting on oil and gas development tomorrow, but I would like to register my opinion, which is that you should ban hydraulic fracturing in Boulder County.

According to the EPA website:

***Despite the widespread use of the practice, and the risks hydraulic fracturing poses to human health and safe drinking water supplies, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") does not regulate the injection of fracturing fluids under the Safe Drinking Water Act.***

***The oil and gas industry is the only industry in America that is allowed by EPA to inject known hazardous materials -- unchecked -- directly into or adjacent to underground drinking water supplies.***

This dangerous practice is allowed because of the Halliburton Loophole, which externalizes risks of exploration onto the communities, which may end up with dangerous drinking water. We must not permit fracturing to ruin our drinking water and possibly kill us.

Please vote to ban hydraulic fracturing in Boulder County.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Frick

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**From:** [Priscilla Stuckey](#)  
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**Subject:** Ban fracking through Community Rights Ordinance  
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I support a ban on fracking in Boulder County. I believe the best way to accomplish it is through passing a Community Rights Ordinance that spells out the people's rights to clean air and water and spells out nature's right to flourish.

Please fully investigate a Community Rights Ordinance and pass such an ordinance in Boulder County. The people are behind you in taking a stand!

Thank you very much,  
Priscilla Stuckey

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**From:** [Karey Christ-Janer](#)  
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**Date:** Monday, April 16, 2012 10:34:18 AM  
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Dear Commissioners----Please see the below, which touch on amazing recent developments from the Colorado Gas Producer's (Encana and Noble Gas). These issues might be good to bear in mind for your discussions today, re: possible new, tighter regulation for the gas industry, which I support.

(Busy morning, so much of this is excerpted/forwarded from other emails I've sent recently.)

I hope the below is informative in any case.

Karey Christ-Janer, Boulder landlord  
(I live in Larimer County)

To my amazement, the **attorneys for EnCana and Noble Gas (the Colorado Gas Producers--the "CGP")** have come out in support of a CCA-like program (Community Choice Aggregation). Please see the below email I sent to Boulder officials on Friday, in reference to their position on the docket.

(Wow.) I think that the below could dovetail very well with local solar DG programs. Here is a pdf I prepared for an exploratory PUC docket recently, showing how I believe promoting **local solar generation could work with the new WindSource products**, if approved (see especially the "CitySource" model on pages 5 and 6 of the pdf).

**From:** [Hal Quinn, NMA](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** U.S. Mining's Commitment to Safety  
**Date:** Monday, April 16, 2012 1:09:06 PM

[Minerals Make Life](#) is a National Mining Association initiative.



## April 16, 2012

Dear Cindy,

Mining is among the most technologically advanced industries in America—and one that is consistently striving to be safer. All of us depend on mining to provide raw materials that are critical to manufacturing, innovation and our national security. At the cornerstone of this vital American industry are the employees whose dedication, skills and expertise make possible so much that benefits our daily lives.

Nothing is more important to U.S. mining than the safety of mining employees. That is why I am proud to announce **CORE**Safety, a new workplace safety and health initiative built on the most effective accident-prevention practices used worldwide. A National Mining Association (NMA) member-driven effort nearly two years in the making, **CORE**Safety provides a scalable, comprehensive plan to achieve U.S. mining's goal of eliminating fatalities and reducing mining injuries by 50 percent within five years.

Frank McAllister, vice chairman of NMA and chairman and CEO of Stillwater Mining Company, serves on the CEO task force leading this effort. He regards **CORE**Safety as "an industry essential, first calling upon us to do our best, then providing us with the tools to continuously improve safety and health performance at U.S. mining." I could not agree more.

[I invite you to read Frank's guest blog post on MineralsMakeLife.org to learn more about \*\*CORE\*\*Safety and NMA's ongoing commitment to employee health and safety.](#)

Warm regards,

Hal Quinn  
President and CEO  
National Mining Association

To learn more about minerals and what they mean to America, visit [mineralsmakelife.org](http://mineralsmakelife.org).

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I am writing in support of a continued, and if possible permanent, moratorium on oil and gas development in Boulder County. As an environmental scientist with more than two decades of experience working on matters related to environmental contamination, I believe we must do everything possible to restrict or eliminate drilling in Boulder County. The risks of groundwater, soil, and surface water pollution from exploration, production, and accidental spills are not acceptable in an area this densely populated and so heavily reliant on limited water resources. Moreover, the ancillary impacts of development – noise, dust, dirt, traffic, light, odors, and waste – pose a real risk to the quality of life of county residents.

Thank you very much.

Joshua Lipton, PhD  
President and CEO

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