

What Does
Natural Gas
Have In
Common
With



Unsafe
Drinking
Water?



What's the connection between "natural gas" and unsafe drinking water?

Imagine if the water coming from your tap was flammable. That's

exactly what is happening across the country – where residents are watching their drinking water burst into flames and their wells explode ... contaminating their homes when showering ... and seeing livestock die or become sterile.

- **The common denominator in all: excessive levels of chemicals in the water from nearby natural gas drilling processes.**¹ The natural gas industry is settling claims and paying fines – while continuing to claim their innocence and refusing to change their policies.²
- **Many – including some members of Congress and several state governments – believe this contamination may be caused by "fracking."** Hydraulic fracturing (fracking) extracts natural gas from shale deposits by injecting millions of gallons of water and chemicals at such high pressure that the deep underground rock formations split open, releasing the natural gas and other chemicals into the fracking fluid.³
- **The natural gas companies won't divulge the chemicals in this toxic fluid.** Halliburton and BJ Services, two of the largest drillers, admit to using hundreds of thousands of gallons containing known carcinogens.⁴ But they refuse to disclose the actual make-up of their fluids, claiming that releasing this information would cause them to lose their competitive edge.⁵
- **The problem of drinking water supplies at risk has been highlighted in major media such as *The New York Times*, *Vanity Fair* and an HBO documentary (visit americanenergycoalition.com to view the trailer).** In addition to government investigations, grassroots and national organizations are digging into the "dirty secrets" of a natural gas industry that misrepresents itself as a "clean fuel."⁶
- **It boils down to profits.** Even as independent sampling finds toxicity levels hundreds and thousands times higher than legal limits ... as residents are getting sick ... and as water tables are being contaminated, the natural gas industry is fighting regulations that could lower their margin of profit.⁷

To learn more about how our water supplies are contaminated by "natural gas," visit www.AmericanEnergyCoalition.com. Because you deserve to know the facts.

¹ *Times Record News, New York Daily News, firegeezer.com, Reuters*; ² *Wall Street Journal*; ^{3,4} Congress of the United States, 2/18/10 Waxman Memorandum;

⁵ ProPublica.org; ⁶ The Motley Fool, straight.com; ⁷ *Wall Street Journal*