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The gas drilling "give away" by our state officials is just one more example of how the terms "government" and "residents of the state", rather than being all-inclusive, as they should be, have become two distinct and often adversarial entities. Because this request for comments is coming from a state agency, however, perhaps there can be some middle ground that will help to alleviate this division.

In order to avoid the poisoning of our water sources, the unbridled desimation of plant life and the elimination of both wildlife and their habitat, I would submit for consideration the following regulatory safeguards:

first, both the contents and percentage of the chemicals used for fracing the shale should be made public by all drilling entities. There should be a limit on or total removal of those chemicals known to be toxic or unable to be removed from the wasre water. The composition of this fracing water should be inspected both frequently and irregularly;

second, if any of these drilling companies can manage to recycle their fracing water they should be rewarded in any number of ways from fee reduction to lower lease rates, etc. Waste water is a major problem associated with gas drilling and recycling said water would reduce strain on local water sanitation systems, reduce trucking traffic and increase the amount of clean water available for the rest of the population;

third, there could be a limit to the number of wells able to be drilled in a specified area, say, 1000 acres, especially since these wells are known to drill horizontally as well as vertically;

fourth, roadway plans should be submitted to a traffic control entity to insure a minimal and efficient road plan for the entire area;

finally, if there is a drilling company with over a certain number of oil wells, it could be a possibility to create an above-ground pipeway that could easily be removed when the gas is depleted and everyone can go home to there eroded hillsides, their poisoned wells, endangered wildlife and a state, that despite all this revenue, will still be in the red.

Thankyou for listening AND letting me vent.

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