

Fracking Matters Newsletter (17) – 4 November 2011



Information letter for whom fracking does matter and (some) updates on the website www.frackingfreeireland.org, with links to other (Irish) fracking websites

Upcoming events

A Chara,
You are cordially invited to a public information presentation meeting to be held in **Cliffoney Hall, Cliffoney, North Sligo, Monday 14th November at 8pm.**

Know the Facts about Hydraulic Gas Fracturing
MEETING PLANNED FOR CLIFFONEY HALL,
CLIFFONEY VILLAGE
Hydraulic Fracturing, or 'Fracking', will be the subject of an in-depth information meeting and discussion at Cliffoney Hall, **Cliffoney, North Sligo, Monday 14th November at 8pm**
Members of the public, and elected representatives are invited to come and hear the opinions of a panel of experts who will outline what Fracking means, and how it is beginning to have a very real presence here in the North West. Special guest speaker Dr. Aedin Mc Loughlin B.Sc. Ph.D. will present "Shale Gas Extraction, Boom or Bust?" informing you of the benefits and also the risks of Hydraulic Fracturing. In addition, one other guest speaker will outline how Fracking – a process for extracting gas reserves from areas lying deep underground - can have serious environmental implications, and how this process of extraction, banned in some other countries, is under active consideration in this part of Ireland. For example, are you aware that the Irish Government has given exploration licenses to 3 companies for shale gas exploration in the North West?
Fracking is becoming a major topic of discussion here in the North West, and while politicians at both a local and national level are coming under pressure to give serious consideration to

multinational companies to exploit gas reserves in the region, this public information meeting will present the facts in a clear and unambiguous way. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer session.

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Love Leitrim Manorhamilton Group

Table Quiz **Friday Nov 25th 8pm**
Heraghty's Manorhamilton
Proceeds from event will be used to raise awareness of Hydrofracking in the North West

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Fracking, UK and earthquakes

- Fracking protesters storm shale gas site
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/nov/02/fracking-protesters-storm-shale-gas-site>
(Web FFI Irish press/UK) (2 nov 2011)
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- Firm says shale gas caused earthquake
<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2011/11/02/uk-firm-shale-gas-idUKTRE7A12QQ20111102>
(Web FFI Irish press/UK)

- Fracking probably cause of Lancashire earthquake
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/nov/02/fracking-cause-lancashire->

[quakes?CMP=twf_fd](#) (2 Nov 2011)
(Web FFI Irish press/UK)

- Shale gas is no game-changer in the UK –
Damian Carrington's Environment blog
Gas fracking, loved by some and loathed by
others, can cause earthquakes. But, say the
money men, it is unlikely to send major tremors
through the UK energy market
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/damian-carrington-blog/2011/nov/03/shale-gas-game-changer-fracking> (3 Nov 2011)
(Web FFI Irish Press/UK)

- Seismic report earthshaking?
<http://www.naturalgaseurope.com/seismic-report-earthshaking-3353>
(Web FFI/Official reports/research)

Michael Engell-Jensen (Intern. Ass. Of Oil and Gas Producers) at EU forum

- A primer on shale gas: breaking things down for policymakers
As shale basins appear to be emerging across Europe, government officials and policymakers in Brussels are struggling to grasp the concepts associated with unconventional gas.

In his address to delegates at the European Unconventional Gas Forum in Krakow, Poland, Michael Engell-Jensen, Executive Director at International Association of Oil and Gas Producers, suggested getting away from the expression "unconventional gas."

<http://www.naturalgaseurope.com/breaking-things-down-for-policymakers-3330>
(Web FFI global fracking/Global shale gas lobby)

Poland will generate half its requirements from domestic resources, (shale gas and other)

- Poland targets 300 cubic meters of shale gas in 2014
The Ministry plan assumes a maximization of the number of shale gas drillings by state-controlled companies such as PGNiG and PKN Orlen, which are scheduled to carry out 65 drillings each to 2014 reports Dziennik Gazeta Prawna. Deputy Treasury Minister Mikolaj Budzanowski expects that shale gas drillings will reach 1,000 annually in 2020.
The targeted output, combined with increased conventional gas production and imports 1.5 bcm of gas through the Swinoujscie LNG terminal presently under development, would allow Poland to generate half its requirements from domestic sources

<http://www.naturalgaseurope.com/poland-targets-300m-cubic-meters-of-shale-gas-in-2014-3337>

Coal seam gas clean claims under attack
<http://www.smh.com.au/environment/climate-change/coal-seam-gas-clean-claims-under->

[attack-20111103-1mxy4.html#ixzz1cgedv1AB](#)
(Web FFI Official reports/research)

Drinking water and radon

- Proposals to include radon in drinking water rules (Council of the European Union)
<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/st13648-re03.en11-proposals-to-include-radon-in-drinking-water-rules.pdf>

(Web FFI Political issues/EU Parliament)

Letter and question from Saskia de Jong (Action for Thoughtful Use of Natural Resources) to Caroline, MP UK Parliament re: motion moratorium on HF

<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/letter-saskia-to-UK-MP-Caroline-Lucas.pdf>

(Web FFI: contact/letters Politicians)

I read on the internet that you proposed in the UK Parliament:

Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking) (No. 2)

EDM number 2292 in 2010-11, proposed by [Caroline Lucas](#) on 20/10/2011

Did it pass or at which stage is it?
I live in the Republic of Ireland, where 3 Onshore Licensing Options are given/ started on 01.03.2011 for gas only.
If commercially interesting, fracking could happen here in the future. I am one of many concerned citizens here who don't want hydraulic fracturing and other aspects of the onshore gas exploration/exploitation processes to happen.
For more info: www.frackingfreeireland.org

Answer by Cath Miller for Caroline Lucas

The EDM you are referring to has been signed by 15 MPs so far and will need lots more to get passed. You can follow its progress at <http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2010-12/2292>

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