

Fracking Matters Newsletter (18) – 5 November 2011



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

Upcoming events

Fracking Free Fringe Festival 11th & 12th November. Ballinamore/West Cavan

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A group of us from Ballinamore/west Cavan, have organized a major **Fund Raising 'Festival'**, because we expect that ultimately the campaign might have to go through The Courts - maybe the European Courts. This would entail legal and Specialist Witnesses and costs. Hence the need to begin to fund-raise.

The Event will take place in **McGirl's, Ballinamore** on:
Friday 11 November from 9 pm and **Saturday 12 November from Noon to Mid-night.**

Full details see below and are planned to be revealed on the **Fracking Free Fringe Festival** page on <http://leitrimfringe.com/fracking-free-fringe-concert/>

This campaign will need all the funds it can get!

Programme details of the Fracking Free Fringe Festival:

Fri. 11 @ 9pm: Comedy Night, at McGirls Bar in the "The Barn" with Aidan Killian, Ronan Grace, Andrew Gilmore, Abie Philbin Bowman & Enda Muldoon and music.

Comedian Aidan Killian who has performed from Tokyo to America with his latest show "taking the pill".

Ronan Grace who has been on the Dublin circuit for the last 4 yrs.

Andrew Gilmore who has supported Tommy Teirnan and Karol Spain and is any up and coming face in Irish comedy not to be missed! This event will be run as a fundraiser for our fracking campaign and donations can be made at the door.

Sat. 12 from Noon to Midnight, with musicians: Eleanor Shanley, Charlie McGettigan, Power House, Members of Kila, and 21OUTS; comedians Kevin McAleer, Joe Rooney, Barry Murphy and more performers;

with Guest Speakers from France and US - **José Bouvé, MEP**, who lead the campaign that has caused the French Government to ban fracking in that country. (2 pm) and Prof. **'Tony' Ingraffea**, Fracture Engineer, Cornell University. (later in the programme)

Both of these Speakers will be well known as critics of the shale mining industry and copies of their CV's will be available on the day, in case there are any doubtful attendees, i.e., those who might have heard Richard Moorman attempt to minimise Ingraffea's depth of knowledge and expertise.

The first Speaker is scheduled for an hour at 2pm - and the second later in the programme.

DVDs of both contributions will be made and available after the event.

José Bouvé, MEP



Anti Shale campaigner Jose Bove protesting at the Villeneuve de Berg (Ardeche) shale gas concessions, which was revoked by the French government.

<http://www.naturalgaseurope.com/exporting-the-anti-shale-revolution-3049>

Prof. Ingraffea:

To be seen in **Fracking Hell**

<http://frackingfreeireland.org/movies/>

Co author **Methane and the greenhouse-gas footprint of natural gas from shale formations**

http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/04-11shale_gas_footprint_fulltextpdf.pdf

Public meetings:

- Monday 14 November 2011

Cliffoney Hall, 8 pm

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Ireland Fracking Awareness Week 14- 17 November 2011

(sole) Organiser Monday- Thursday: Brian

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Monday 14 November: Carrick-on-Shannon 8pm

- Tuesday 15 November : Sligo

- Wednesday 16 November Dublin 6 pm

- Thursday 17 November Boyle (?)

Make-you-happy-news

Bundoran town have passed a motion to call on government to ban hydraulic fracturing...This motion was passed last Tuesday...Could be a good idea to get as many town councils to follow their example? – reported by Brian Sweeney

Make-you-cry-news

Another fine mess ... clearing up Hogan's hames

Call from Oisín Coghlan, Director

Friends of the Earth

Minister Hogan made a hames of the launch of his climate policy review yesterday.

His [comments on the launch](#) have caused confusion and uncertainty with his suggestion that work on climate change legislation will be delayed by at least a year while he carries out a study and consultation on policy measures.

The uncertainty is heightened by the fact that Minister Hogan went ahead and published the review even though the Cabinet Committee didn't meet as scheduled to consider it. [Email the Cabinet Committee on Climate Change now to demand they clear up the mess.](#)

In response to emails from campaigners like you the Tánaiste made a welcome statement, just two weeks ago, confirming that the government's aim "is to deliver on climate change legislation in 2012". Minister Hogan's comments seem to contradict that.

Only the Government as a whole can clear up this confusion. With just weeks to go before Minister Hogan represents Ireland at the UN climate talks in Durban we need the Cabinet Committee to meet to agree and announce that a draft climate Bill will be published early next year, as previously indicated.

[Please take the email action now and it will make a difference.](#) The 5,000 emails sent two weeks ago produced the positive statement from the Tánaiste. The next 5,000 can get clarity from the Government as a whole.

Thank you for taking action.

P.S. Please forward this to anyone you know who gets annoyed by political doublespeak. I'm sure you can think of someone!

To track all the latest developments just [follow me on twitter](#) .

And of course [we need every cent we can get to win this fight](#) , thank you.

Movie

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hcCx0rVBMkw>

www.democracynow.org - **Democracy Now! is broadcasting live from Syracuse -- which recently became the third city in New York state to ban the natural gas drilling process known as hydraulic fracturing or fracking.**

The Syracuse Common Council voted unanimously last week to ban fracking within city limits. They also voted to limit where wastewater from the fracking process can be stored. Fracking is controversial because it injects millions of gallons of water, sand and chemicals deep into the earth in order to break up shale rock and release natural gas. Many feel this extraction process raises a myriad of human health and environmental issues. Supporters of fracking say it has led to an exponential increase in gas production and has not been harmful to either the environment or human health. To find out more about the issue of fracking, Democracy Now! hosts a discussion with three guests: Kathleen Joy, Syracuse Common Council Majority Leader, led the city's efforts to ban hydrofracking; Don Siegel, professor of earth sciences at Syracuse University; and Oren Lyons, Faithkeeper with the Council of Chiefs of the Onondaga Nation.

For the complete interview, read the transcript, download the podcast, and for information on Democracy Now! and more reports on fracking, visit <http://www.democracynow.org/>

[Chesapeake strikes shale gas deals](#) Financial Times, November 3, 2011

By Sheila McNulty in Houston
[Chesapeake Energy](#), the US's biggest independent natural gas producer, announced deals worth \$3.4bn to develop shale gas in Ohio as it reported a 71 per cent jump in third-quarter profit. The transactions in Utica Shale of Ohio underline the group's ability to [generate profits from its extensive shale holdings](#).

The first of the latest Chesapeake deals involves a letter of intent, with an undisclosed international major energy company, for an industry joint venture. The partner will acquire a 25 per cent interest in about 650,000 net acres in the wet natural gas area of the Utica.

Chesapeake owns about 570,000 of the acres and about 80,000 are owned by Houston-based EnerVest and its affiliates. At \$15,000 per net acre, the transaction will result in about \$2.14bn for Chesapeake and about \$300m for EnerVest.

"Through the industry joint venture, we will be able to recover more than our total leasehold investment in the entire Utica Shale play while only selling approximately 142,000 net acres of our 1.5m net acres of Utica Shale leasehold," said Aubrey McClendon, Chesapeake chief executive.

In addition, Chesapeake has completed the sale to EIG Global Energy Partners of

\$500m of perpetual preferred shares of a newly formed entity, CHK Utica. CHK Utica is a wholly owned, unrestricted subsidiary of Chesapeake that owns about 700,000 acres in the Utica.

"Through the financial transaction led by EIG, our drilling program in CHK Utica is almost entirely funded for the foreseeable future," Mr McClendon said.

Chesapeake expects to sell up to \$750m of additional CHK Utica preferred shares to other investors, including limited partners of EIG, by November 30, 2011.

The gas group's profits of \$879m, or \$1.23 per share, in the third quarter, up from \$515m, or 75 cents per share, in the year-earlier quarter.

Jefferies & Company is acting as financial advisor to Chesapeake.

The great Aamerican Bubble Machine – about the banks and financial crises

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/the-great-american-bubble-machine-20100405> (5 april 2010)

The Corporation -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAKr9YqPowQ> (Web FFI movies/songs)

The Corporation is a 2003 Canadian documentary film written by Joel Bakan, and directed by Mark Achbar and Jennifer Abbott. The documentary is critical of the modern-day corporation, considering its legal status as a class of person and evaluating its behaviour towards society and the world at large as a psychiatrist might evaluate an ordinary person.

comment by Barry Mahon: sit up, watch and do something!

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