

Fracking Matters Newsletter (23) – 14 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

Public meetings

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Information presentation meeting: North West Network Against Fracking:

(full details: web FFI upcoming events)

- **Monday 14 November 2011**

Cliffoney Hall, 8 pm

With 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. contact: Meg youthmardingo@gmail.com/086 3840245

IRELAND FRACKING AWARENESS WEEK 14- 17 November 2011

Monday 14th November: Public information meeting organised by Breffni Farmers Network and Lough Allen Conservation Society on the proposed hydraulic fracturing(fracking)plan for the Northwest Carboniferous Basin in the **Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim at 7.30 pm.**

Carrick-on-Shannon Speakers : Rob Doyle, John Brennan, Gerry Dolan, Seán Wynne, JP Fay, Fr O'Shea, Veronica Kelly, Kevin Currid and special guest speaker is Markus Knapper from Germany.

Tuesday 15th November: Public information meeting in the **Southern Hotel, Sligo, Co Sligo at 7.30 pm.**

Wednesday 16th November: Dublin meeting details to be confirmed shortly.

Thursday 17th November: Public information meeting in **Dowra Resource Centre**, Dowra(first village on the River Shannon), Co Cavan at **7.30 pm.**

Friday 18th November: Childrens Art Fracking Exhibition and Fracking Photographic Exhibition held at the **Mayflower Community Centre, Drumshanbo, Co Leitrim from 1.00 - 7.00 pm**

- a 'Fracking Awareness Social Night' in **Berry's Tavern, Drumshanbo**, Co Leitrim from **8.00 pm.** Music, dancing and entertainment until late.

For further details on any of the above-mentioned events **contact Seán at info@allen.ie**

Public debate Onshore Hydraulic fracturing Galway Nov 16th

Please join the NUIG Energy Society, Geology Society and Young Greens for a very special Panel Discussion on the current Shale Gas Exploration underway in the Lough Allen Basin. This event is being run as part of the Galway Science and Technology Festival (www.galwayscience.ie).

Come along to find out what Shale Gas and Hydraulic Fracturing ("Fracking") are and what role they may play in the Irish energy system.

Is this an opportunity to reduce Ireland's dependence on imported energy or an

environmental disaster in the making?
What are the economic and social implications of extracting shale gas?
Due to the highly charged nature of the shale gas debate, the discussion will be firmly grounded in fact and moderated by Lorna Siggins, Western and Marine Correspondent of the Irish Times. Speakers are:

- * Tiernan Henry, Lecturer, Department of Geology, NUI Galway
- * Aileen McLoughlin, Local Environmentalist
- * John Simmie, Professor, School of Chemistry, NUI Galway
- * Thomas Van Rensberg, Lecturer, Department of Economics, NUI Galway

The event will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday, November 16 in Room AM150, NUI Galway. Contact Michael Ewing michael@ien.ie

Ardcarne Community Against Fracking are having a fundraiser in the Forge Club, Henry's Pub Cootehall on **Nov 22** - a night of music and entertainment (more details to follow)

Screening of Gasland =====

Ardcarne Community Against Fracking
There is also a screening of Gasland followed by a talk and questions and answers - **Wed 16th Nov, 8pm** in Davitt's Pub, Drumkeeran, guest speaker Rob Doyle.

NORTH WEST NETWORK AGAINST FRACKING are showing the doc **GASLAND** in O'DONNELLS PUB, CLIFFONEY, NORTH SLIGO, ON **Thursday 24th November** at 8pm. Sonia Oldham will introduce the evening with a short presentation on the geopark, SACS areas, and water ways, rivers, lakes and streams in the areas of Fermanagh that Tamboran are scheduled to start drilling in next year. She shows endangered and rare species in her presentation, and we are delighted that she is coming along.

Upcoming screening of Gasland

We have local groups here in Inishowen (Donegal) and Derry which are preparing to show GASLAND at several locations. That should enhance the

awareness of the people in our area. Will let you know more when venues and times are set. There's also an anti fracking group in the North (Belfast). Anybody in contact with them? Contact: Charlie Williams: fracking-ireland@googlegroups.com (charlie2williams@gmail.com)

Table quiz =====

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

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Public Advocacy and Citizenship seminar:

Mayflower, Drumshanbo, Sat 26th of November. 12pm-3pm. Admission: Free.

"We must become the change we wish to create." (Gandhi)

Leitrim Claiming our Future wishes to inspire you to become more involved in the local and wider community and equip you with skills to start that change.

Contributors:

Siobhan O Donoghue: Director Of Migrant Rights Centre Ireland and Claiming Our Future leader. Claiming Our Future its history as a national citizens movement and the potential for it locally in Leitrim.

Marian Harkin MEP:. Europe and Sustainable development In Leitrim. How Europe can work for you.

Patricia Conboy: Director: Older and Bolder: Examples of successful campaigning for older people and what we can learn.

Michael Ewing: Irish Environment Network, Co-Ordinator of the Environment Pillar of Social Partnership. Lessons and skills toward making change in your communities as individuals and groups in Ireland.

Who is the afternoon for?

The seminar is suitable for people who want to become more involved in their local communities and bring about positive change. It is designed for people already involved to update their skills and network with likeminded people. For those who work and are involved in the voluntary sector and community development, e.g. active retirement groups, environmental campaigners and people interested in issues of equality and social justice.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. (Margaret Mead)

For further information

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Conference Berlin 24 and 25 November

(Web FFI Political issues/ EU parliament, scroll down)
received from Saskia saskiadj@gmail.com

- The legal and regulatory framework for shale gas exploration and shale gas exploitation activities in the EU
http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/shale_gas_regulatory_framework_c_musialski.pdf

- Study on Interoperability – Gas quality Harmonisation – Cost Benefit Analysis
<http://ubuntuone.com/2UEWshgb14QoIDOBK9e1P1>

- Conclusions -
http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/00_conclusions.pdf

Fracking links to earthquakes

- U.S. Government confirms fracking link to earthquakes (received from Tony Lowes
tony@friendsoftheirishenvironment.org)

<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Us-Government-confirms-fracking-link-to-earthquakes.pdf>
(Web FFI Irish Press/global press articles)

The following three articles received from Charlie Williams : fracking-ireland@googlegroups.com

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United States Geological Survey has released a report that links a series of earthquakes in Oklahoma last January to a fracking operation underway there.

The Environment & Wildlife Cause Fracking May Have Caused 50 Earthquakes in Oklahoma
by Care2 Causes Editors November 4, 2011

Written by [Brian Merchant](#), Treehugger

Snip: In a surprising turn of events, Cuadrilla Resources, a British energy company, recently admitted that its hydraulic fracturing operations "[likely caused an earthquake in England](#)". Predictably, this news quickly sent a shockwave through the U.K., the oil and natural gas industries, and the environmental activist community. And it certainly feeds plenty of speculation that the same phenomenon could be occurring elsewhere.

Speculation that would be well-founded, evidently. Right on the heels of Cuadrilla's announcement, news is spreading that the [United States Geological Survey has released a report](#) (pdf) that links a series of earthquakes in Oklahoma last January to a fracking operation underway there.

Read the entire post at:
<http://www.care2.com/causes/fracking-may-have-caused-50-earthquakes-in-oklahoma.html>

You can use google earth to see if there's earthquakes and drilling rigs/injection wells in proximity if you have the coordinates:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PsjkgTzKPI&feature=player_embedded

<http://www.care2.com/causes/fracking-may-have-caused-50-earthquakes-in-oklahoma.html>

This is a letter that went out to our ODNR this morning about concerns on fracking. We're seeing types of earthquakes happening where they have not previously. When you look at it through google earth you can tell if there's an injection well/drilling rig next to it:

ODNR/Ohio Geological Earthquake Section

Dear Dr. Hansen,

Just received this from the PA folks concerning Oklahoma quakes and drilling related concerns...I am sure you saw the front page in the Akron Beacon about the potential link regarding the Youngstown quake last week, which you were quoted in.....You will recall, I had sent you something on an earlier quake felt in Youngstown months ago that had been reported to citizens via our fracking network...IF ODNR is gonna permit all these darn wells, then **YOUR budget needs** to be immediately seriously increased, (which won't be hard to do, since it is currently ZERO...!!!)

What if they can't *stop* these quakes, once the waste is injected, i.e, like Ashtabula's quakes? Didn't you tell me that they continued *on for years up there*, even after injection *ceased* long before, until the pressures apparently subsided?...If such quakes occur, experts say that there is concern they can compromise the existing cement casings on countless wells and other structures. etc.

We are in particular extremely concerned about the reported Akron./Canton fault line near the AK Airport and one also near us in Portage listed in the Stark Emergency Planning Document we obtained this spring. It seems these faults are not far from the Uniontown IEL Superfund Site **and** the Wingfoot Lake site, (a former top secret nuclear facility, precursor to Portsmouth's Gaseous Diffusion plant)....
...The Federal Judge presiding over our Uniontown IEL cleanup case reportedly told two local reporters : *They all know it's there, but if they dig and mess up, they may have to evacuate up to 20 miles - The Judge then asked them how far the IEL dump was from Akron; then Canton....We have of course repeated this statement many times to the State EPA, ODNR, media, and other officials,, but according to a letter we received, the newspaper won't allow the reporter to provide a written statement **without legal intervention issued to the paper. There is an injection well just south of IEL off Cleveland Ave. north of North Canton's well fields as well., (I believe called Alloway), that may well be quite close to the Akron/Canton Fault line cited in the Stark Emergency Preparedness***

Report ...In addition, they want to drill right across from the IEL dump where EPA validated Plutonium had been reported in a monitoring well comparable to levels reported in groundwater at the Nevada Test Site... *What if a quake or other disturbance occurs near the dumpsite and triggers new releases of dangerous materials buried within? The Former landfill owner, Charles Kittinger, testified he believes the "eggs" buried by the Army at IEL are some kind of nuclear bomb....*

NOTE: While up until recently, fracking itself was not suspected regarding the Arkansas quakes, but rather, just the injection wells per se...This suggests fracking itself, as I think the British suspected, in an article we saw, which is very troubling....

Hope you are doing well. Regards.

Chris Borello for Stark Concerned Citizens.

-----Original Message-----

From: TXsharon <sharon@gmail.com>

Sent: Sun, Nov 6, 2011 5:27 am

Subject: Please link to and email my earthquake post

<http://www.texassharon.com/2011/11/05/six-fracking-earthquake-notice-from-oklahoma-last-night/>

I will continue to update it with new information.

Sharon Wilson

<http://texassharon.com>

In North Texas on top of the Barnett Shale

[FLOWBACK: How the Texas Natural Gas Boom Affects Health and Safety](#)

NukeNet Anti-Nuclear Network
(nukenet@energyjustice.net)



Tar Sands Action - we won

<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Tar-sands-we-won.pdf>

(Web FFI global fracking/global resistance)