



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

BE AWARE!!

- ARE anti fracking people aware that Sean Gallagher is FOR Fracking and a vote for him for president will encourage him. He would neither sign the fracking petition nor the turf cutters petition. It is important voters are aware of this before Thursday. (Maureen Martin)

- There's a thread about fracking at the Irish forum, PoliticalWorld.org =>: <http://www.politicalworld.org/showthread.php?t=8095>

A row has broken out over a Tamboran consultant working on the Gallagher campaign. Quote:Joe Sullivan

'Why is James Campbell (Consultant for Tamboran- International Fracking concern), who want to destroy Cavan, Leitrim, Clare, Sligo etc by using hydraulic fracturing to drill for gas) canvassing for Sean Gallagher in Carrick on Shannon????????? are you in bed with the Hydraulic Fracking environmental disaster merchants Sean? You had my vote- i'd like a bit of clarity here though, as you don't have the vote anymore unless you can explain this?? Website currently being built to highlight the fact too- so be sure and let us know asap.

Answer from Gallagher earlier today on his facebook page:

Quote:

Sean Gallagher Our Leitrim campaign team for Seán Gallagher for President is being led by Independent Cllr Enda Stenson and

Angela Cornyn, who are carrying out excellent work. The intention of our Leitrim team is to ensure that we elect Seán Gallagher as the next President. Since this has been brought to our attention, we can confirm that James has been asked to withdraw from canvassing. We would appreciate no negative comments about any members of the public as this is a voluntarily supported campaign. While James supports fracking, his views in no way reflect Seán's position, he does not endorse the process. (SG Team)

Facebook link here:

<http://www.facebook.com/seangallaghesident?sk=wall> (Charlie Williams)

Also to view at:

<http://www.facebook.com/nofrackingcavan>

Upcoming events:

There will be an anti-fracking awareness stall set up at the Hunters Moon Music and Arts Festival

<http://huntersmoonfestival.wordpress.com/>

this weekend in Carrick-on-Shannon - Protect our Water - No to Fracking

The space being used for the arts/craft/info stalls used to be a bike shop, it's down the small alley way beside the Oarsman pub, off Bridge St.

If anyone from any other local anti-fracking groups have upcoming events - fundraisers - info nights - screenings etc.. coming up that we can let people know about, just mail me and i'll have that info available for people - or if you have posters/tickets/flyers for anything even better.



No fracking 2x, no shale gas 1x
<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/2x-no-fracking-ireland-say-no-to-shale-gas.pdf>



Cartoon
<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/cartoon-fracking-explained.jpg>



Ban fracking, love leitrim
<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/love-leitrim-ban-fracking.jpg>



fracking map of Poland
<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/koncesje-w-polsce-map-poland.jpg>

**ENDS Europe
 EC flouts parliament's offshore safety demands**

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The European Commission has ignored MEPs' call for mandatory insurance to cover oil and gas offshore activities, according to a leaked copy of a long-awaited draft regulation expected to be published on Thursday. The proposal, prepared by the commission's energy department, merely states that permitting authorities should make sure companies have the financial capacity to cover liabilities arising from any environmental damage caused. MEP Rebecca Harms welcomed the fact that liability rules had been made clearer but deplored that the issue of financial guarantees or

mandatory insurance was still not solved. "It has to be made clear that firms cannot cash in from the oil exploitation and have the tax payers foot the bill when something goes wrong." Another parliament demand flouted by the commission is a call for a [site-specific approach](#) to safety, which it says would help address safety risks posed in environmentally sensitive areas. This was presented by rapporteur Vicky Ford as an improvement from the current "tick-box culture" of licensing. It seems the commission also dropped a requirement on firms with headquarters in Europe to apply EU safety standards in all their operations worldwide. The idea had previously been considered in a [policy paper](#) released in October 2010. The draft regulation, seen by ENDS, consists mainly of updating and harmonising existing rules on offshore drilling. Responsibility for regulating offshore platforms will remain with member states. The parliament [supports this approach](#). The commission also proposes to extend EU liability rules to cover marine pollution, a plan announced in the 2010 policy paper. There is little mention of the risks posed by [deepwater oil drilling](#) highlighted by some MEPs. However, the commission says it will promote high safety standards in sensitive areas such as the Arctic. The total cost would amount to €134-140m per year which is "modest in comparison to the risk reduction they will secure," according to the commission. The cost for industry is estimated at €122m annually compared with €12-18m for member states.

No test drilling in Bostel

For now: no exploratory drilling shale gas in Bostel Tuesday, October 25, DEN BOSCH – For the moment in the town of Bostel can not be drilled to shale gas. The administrative court in Den Bosch decided Tuesday that the city could not grant a temporary exemption to allow drilling. The case was brought by residents and by Rabobank The bank has in the vicinity of the bores a significant data center. The bank found that the municipality Bostel couldnot grant a temporary exemption because the exploratory drilling is by definition not temporary. If gas is found, the aim is gas extraction. The judge joined in with this. A temporary exemption from the zoning should only be granted if the activities within 5 years are definitely stopped. De court ordered the Bostel to make a new decision. The municipality may appeal to the Council of State. The company Cuadrilla who will perform the test drilling, was intending to start with the drilling in early 2012

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