

Attn: COMMENTS on the DEC dsGEIS
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
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My comments apply to water quality concerns that are partially addressed in the dsGEIS

General Comments Sections 9 - 14
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The gas drilling prohibition in areas of unfiltered watershed supplies for the NYCity and Syracuse areas is an established recognition of the water quality risks inherent in the practice of hydrofracture gas extraction practices. Such potential risks will therefore exist in other areas where human and agricultural activities occur.

DEC must therefore apply equal protection to all areas of human and agricultural water usage by banning hydrofracture drilling activities within 4000 feet of such existing water usages, including private and public watersheds and wells.

Sincerely,

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