



Immediate stop of all fracking activities

Dear Secretary of State Michael Gove,

in many ways, hydraulic fracturing (fracking) looms as the environmental issue of our time. It touches every aspect of our lives—the water we drink, the air we breathe and the health of our communities—as it ominously threatens our global climate.

More than a decade of large-scale use of the fracking technique (mainly in the U.S. and Canada) has shown how harmful and destructive this extraction process can be, as confirmed and acknowledged by countless peer-reviewed scientific studies.

The fracking industry itself consumes space and water on a large scale. Through the construction of a network of thousands of wells, it has a significant impact on the development of the targeted regions and inevitably affects areas where either settlements or environmentally and culturally sensitive zones can be found.

On a global scale, fugitive methane emissions from gas pose a very significant but mainly ignored problem. On average, slightly less than 4% of the lifetime production of gas wells is emitted to the atmosphere, including both leaking and venting at the well site and during storage and delivery to consumers. For fracked gas, information is more uncertain, but emissions are likely three-fold greater.

Since methane is at least 86 times more powerful a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide over a 20-year period, opting for business as usual or even more fracking simply means that it won't be possible to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below the 2°C threshold agreed to in Paris, and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C, which is necessary in our view to avert the worst impacts of climate change.

These crucial commitments do not leave much room for improvisation as there is little time before these thresholds are reached: We already reached the 1.1°C point in 2016, and the 1.5°C point will be reached in less than 10 years with current emissions.

That's why we — as part of a united and consistently growing global community — demand the following:

- An immediate ban without any exemptions of all types of fracking with regard to the research, exploration and exploitation of fossil energy sources. This ban should apply whether or not the fracturing occurs with or without chemicals, hydraulically or in other ways.
- A general import and trade ban on “fracked” fossil energy sources.
- A general ban on the injection of the flowback or the underground disposal of fluids and waste water from the extraction of hydrocarbons.
- Immediate and considerable efforts for a just transition to 100% renewable energy and a significant boost for energy efficiency measures.

The near future demands it; the time is right and the time is now!

Sincerely,

Organisations:



1. Abajo y a la izquierda Tampico (México)
2. Adéquations (France)
3. AK Fracking Braunschweiger Land (Germany/Deutschland)
4. Aktionsbündnis No Moor Fracking (Germany/Deutschland)
5. Alianza Latinoamericana Frente al Fracking (Bolivia)
6. Alianza Mexicana contra el Fracking (México)
7. Alliance for Democracy (USA)
8. American Association of University Women - AAUW Kingston (USA)
9. Amigos del Río San Rodrigo, A.C. (México)
10. Amigos de la Tierra España – Friends of the Earth (Spain/España)
11. Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc. (USA)
12. Aquamarine Studio (USA)
13. Artists for Peace (UK)
14. Asociación de Cultura Popular Alborada (Spain/España)
15. Asociación Ecológica "Jaedilla" (Spain/España)
16. Asociación Vecinal Fuente de la Reja (Spain/España)
17. Asociación Ríorie (Spain/España)
18. Association Acterre (France)
19. Association Cyberacteurs (France)
20. Associació Salut i Agroecologia – ASiA (Catalonia/Spain/España)
21. Association NOGANINA - NO GAZaran NI ici Ni Ailleurs (France)
22. Attac France
23. Attac País Valenciá (Spain/España)
24. Ballona Creek Renaissance –BCR (USA)
25. Barrett International Technology Incorporated (USA)
26. Berks Gas Truth (USA)
27. Berliner Wassertisch (Germany/Deutschland)
28. Bisbee & Cochise County People for Community Rights (USA)
29. BI Gemeinsam gegen Gas- und Probebohrungen am Niederrhein (Germany/Deutschland)
30. BI Kein Fracking in der Heide (Germany/Deutschland)
31. BI lebenswertes Korbach e.V. (Germany/Deutschland)
32. BI Walsrode (Germany/Deutschland)
33. Bündnis Weidener Becken gegen Fracking (Germany/Deutschland)
34. BUND Kreisgruppe Nordfriesland (Germany/Deutschland)
35. BUND Schleswig-Holstein (Germany/Deutschland)
36. Bürgerinitiative gegen CO2-Endlager e.V. (Germany/Deutschland)
37. Bürgerinitiative für Gesundheit Hemslingen/Söhlingen (Germany/Deutschland)
38. Bürgerinitiative FrackingFreies Hamburg (Germany/Deutschland)
39. Bürgerinitiative gegen Gasbohren im Landkreis Rotenburg e.V. (Germany/Deutschland)
40. Bürgerinitiative Umweltschutz Lüchow Dannenberg e.V. (Germany/Deutschland)
41. Bürgerinitiative Witten für sauberes Wasser - Stopp Fracking (Germany/Deutschland)
42. 350 Brooklyn (USA)
43. CatholicNetwork.US (USA)
44. Canterbury District Green Party (UK)
45. Centro de Documentación en Derechos Humanos "Segundo Montes Mozo S.J." - CSMM (Ecuador)
46. Centro de Investigación y Capacitación Rural A.C. – CEDICAR (México)
47. Church Women United in New York State (USA)



48. Coal Aston & Dronfield Against Fracking (UK)
49. Collectif Arcois pour la Planète (France)
50. Collectif Causse Méjean – Gaz de Schiste NON (France)
51. Collectif citoyen de Pézenas, Castelnaud de Guers (France)
52. Collectifs STOP GHRM 38 (France)
53. Collectif 07 Stop Gaz-Huile de Schiste (France)
54. Comité vigilance hydrocarbures de Trois-Rivières (Canada)
55. Comunidades Campesinas y Urbanas Solidarias con Alternativas - COMCAUSA (México)
56. Consejo Tiyat Tlali en Defensa de la Vida y el Territorio (México)
57. Corporate Europe Observatory (Belgium)
58. Crecer con Esperanza (Argentina)
59. Defend Lytham (UK)
60. Divest RVA (USA)
61. Dokumentalni Foundation (Bulgaria)
62. Earth Action, Inc. (USA)
63. East Kent Against Fracking (UK)
64. Easy Streets 911 Address Markers (USA)
65. Eau Bien Commun PACA (France)
66. Ecologistas en Acción (Spain/España)
67. Ecologistas en Acción de Albacete (Spain/España)
68. Ecologistas en Acción de Castilla y León (Spain/España)
69. Ecologistes en Acció Catalunya (Catalonia)
70. Ecologistas en Acción Córdoba (Spain/España)
71. Ecologistas en Acción de Extremadura (Spain/España)
72. Ecologistas en Acción Guadalajara (Spain/España)
73. Ecologistas en Acción – La Rioja (Spain/España)
74. Ecologistas en Acción – Mérida (Spain/España)
75. Ecologistas en Acción Palencia (Spain/España)
76. Ecologistas en Acción de Sanlúcar de Barrameda (Spain/España)
77. Ecologistas en Acción Sevilla (Spain/España)
78. Ecologistas en Acció Sierra Bermeja (Spain/España)
79. Econciencia, Murcia (Spain/España)
80. Ellesmere Port Frack Free (UK)
81. Energy Watch Group (Germany/Deutschland)
82. Espace de Solidarité et de Coopération de l'Oriental – ESCO (Morocco/Maroc)
83. European Water Movement
84. Environment and Human Rights Advisory - EHRA (USA)
85. EQUO Aragón (Spain/España)
86. Fairmont, Minnesota Peace Group (USA)
87. 350 Fairfax (USA)
88. Foundation for Environment and Agriculture (Bulgaria)
89. Food Empowerment Project (USA)
90. Food & Water Europe
91. Food & Water Watch (USA)
92. Foro Ambiental Santiagueño (Argentina)
93. Frack Free Ashfield (UK)
94. Frack-Free Bulgaria
95. Frack Free Cleveland (UK)



96. Frack Free Five Valleys (UK)
97. Frack Free Isle of Wight (UK)
98. Frack Free LA County (USA)
99. Frack Free Lancashire (UK)
100. Frack Free Lincs (UK)
101. Frack Free North Somerset (UK)
102. Frack Free Nottinghamshire (UK)
103. Frack Free Pickering (UK)
104. Frack Free Ryedale (UK)
105. Frack Free South Africa
106. Frack Free Sussex (UK)
107. Frack Free United (UK)
108. Frackingfreies Hessen (Germany/Deutschland)
109. Frack Off London (UK)
110. FreshWater Accountability Project Ohio (USA)
111. Friends of the Earth Europe
112. Fuel Poverty Action (UK)
113. Fundación Museo del Mar de Ceuta (Spain/España)
114. Fundacion Red Colombiana Para La Defensa de los Derechos Humanos (Colombia)
115. Fundar, Centro de Análisis e Investigación (México)
116. Gastivists Collective (UK)
117. GENA-Ecologistas en Acción, Axarquía (Spain/España)
118. Good Earth Herbs (South Africa)
119. Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition (USA)
120. Greenpeace Pamplona-Iruña (Spain/España)
121. Grupo del Faro de la senda norte (Spain/España)
122. Guilford Peace Alliance (USA)
123. Hermanas de la Misericordia de las Américas, comunidad de Argentina
124. IG Fracking-freies Artland e.V. (Germany/Deutschland)
125. Inspiration of Sedona (USA)
126. Instituto Mexicano Para El Desarrollo Comunitario Ac (México)
127. Izquierda Unida Andalucía (Spain/España)
128. Kalaxka (Spain/España)
129. Keep East Lancashire Frack Free – KELFF (UK)
130. La Ribera en Bici (Spain/España)
131. Lindblad Policy Initiatives (USA)
132. Longridge Against Fracking (UK)
133. Love Leitrim (Ireland)
134. 350 Louisiana – New Orleans (USA)
135. Makxtum Kgalhaw Chuchutsipi (México)
136. Manchester Friends of the Earth (UK)
137. Markwells Wood Watch (UK)
138. Mercao Social de Córdoba (Spain/España)
139. Movimiento Ecosocialista de Colombia
140. National Toxics Network (Australia)
141. Newark Science and Sustainability Inc (USA)
142. No Fracking in Balcombe Society (UK)
143. No Fracking Tamaulipas (México)



144. Non au Gazoduc Fos Dunkerque (France)
145. North American Climate, Conservation and Environment – NACCE (USA)
146. Not Here, Not Anywhere (Ireland)
147. Nuevo Modelo Energético/ Nodo Cantabria Px1NME (Spain/España)
148. NYC H2O (USA)
149. Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition – OHVEC (USA)
150. Pacto Mundial Consciente (Colombia)
151. Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church (PBUUC) Green team (USA)
152. Partnership for Global Justice (USA)
153. PAUSE – People of Albany United for Safe Energy (USA)
154. Peacemakers of Schoharie County (USA)
155. Physicians for Social Responsibility, Arizona Chapter (USA)
156. Plataforma Ciudadana Zaragoza sin Fractura (Spain/ España)
157. Plataforma Cuenca del Segura Libre de Fracking (Spain/ España)
158. Platform (UK)
159. Rochester Defense Against Fracking (USA)
160. Romania Fără Ei (Romania)
161. Roseacre Awareness Group (UK)
162. Sanford-Oquaga Area Concerned Citizens – S-OACC (USA)
163. SEEDs (Securing Economic and Energy Democracy) in SW New Mexico (USA)
164. SEKES EYDAP(Greece)
165. Sisters of Charity – Halifax (Canada)
166. Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia (USA)
167. Slo Clean Water (USA)
168. Stop Petróleo Vila do Bispo (Portugal)
169. Support Centre for Land Change (South Africa)
170. Sussex Green Living (UK)
171. Toxics Information Project – TIP (USA)
172. Towards a Real Democracy Movement (UK)
173. Triangle Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (USA)
174. 350 Triangle (USA)
175. Umweltinstitut München e.V. (Germany/Deutschland)
176. United Native Americans Inc. (USA)
177. Universidad de Granada (Spain/España)
178. WESPAC Foundation, Inc (USA)
179. White Rabbit Grove RDNA (USA)
180. WildEarth Guardians (USA)
181. Xun Biosphere Project (USA)
182. Zelenite (Bulgaria)