

# NYC Teens Say...



They tell us adolescents to think before we act... So we say  
**Think Before You Frack!!!**

- We learned in Science Class that natural gas has been trapped in the Marcellus Shale for 380 million years. Won't it still be there in a few years when we can figure out how to extract it without polluting our air, soil and water?
- We're always told to think about the long term affects of our actions, not just to do what feels good at the moment. Isn't allowing hydrofracking wells now just to get tax money and some jobs quickly -- without honestly weighing the long term consequences -- making the same mistake grownups warn us against?
- In the past grownups allowed industries along the Hudson River to dump toxic industrial wastes into the river. Now children and pregnant women in New York are told not to eat any fish caught in the river because the chemicals they contain can cause damage to developing brains. Can't grownups learn from their past mistakes?
- When we watched old videos of Tobacco Company CEO's testifying that there was no scientific proof that smoking was addictive or caused cancer – it looks very similar to us like the gas companies claiming that there is no scientific evidence that hydraulic fracturing causes environmental pollution.
- We know that if a teacher does not enforce a school rule many students won't obey it. If the only punishment is no big deal - like money fines for polluters - why should they obey environmental rules? And if they lay off NYS DEC environmental enforcers because of budget cuts – like they are threatening to lay off teachers - who will enforce any drilling regulations that are written?
- So we ask you to take care of the future health and clean environment for us youth.

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