

IMPORTANT LINKS FOR HYDROFRACTURING FOR GAS AND OIL

FEDERAL WEBSITES:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Hydraulic Fracturing website:

<http://www.epa.gov/hydraulicfracturing/>

The Agency's focus and obligations under the law are to provide oversight, guidance and, where appropriate, rulemaking that achieve the best possible protections for the air, water and land where Americans live, work and play.

The U.S. Department of the Interior: <http://www.doi.gov/index.cfm>

The U.S. Department of the Interior protects America's natural resources and heritage, honors our cultures and tribal communities, and supplies the energy to power our future.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: <http://www.noaa.gov/>

NOAA's mission is Science, Service, and Stewardship.
To understand and predict changes in climate, weather, oceans, and coasts,
To share that knowledge and information with others, and
To conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources.

FracFocus: www.fracfocus.org

FracFocus is the national hydraulic fracturing chemical registry. FracFocus is managed by the Ground Water Protection Council and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, two organizations whose missions both revolve around conservation and environmental protection.

Chemicals used in Hydraulic Fracturing:

<http://democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Hydraulic%20Fracturing%20Report%204.18.11.pdf>

This is an April 2011 report from the United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, also known as the Waxman Report.

STATE WEBSITES:

The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission: www.cogcc.state.co.us/

The mission of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) is to foster the responsible development of Colorado's oil and gas natural resources.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment:

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/about.html>

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is committed to protecting and preserving the health and environment of the people of Colorado.

The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission: <http://www.iogcc.state.ok.us/>

The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission...works to ensure our nation's oil and natural gas resources are conserved and maximized while protecting health, safety and the environment.

The Ground Water Protection Council: <http://www.gwpc.org/>

The Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC) is a nonprofit 501(c)6 organization whose members consist of state ground water regulatory agencies which come together within the GWPC organization to mutually work toward the protection of the nation's ground water supplies.

The Energy Institute at the University of Texas, Austin: <http://www.energy.utexas.edu/>

The University of Texas at Austin, in partnership with Syracuse University, has developed a two-year, multi-disciplinary study of fracking in each of the three major shale plays. In addition, the Environmental Defense Fund has agreed to assist in the design of the research agenda and monitor research protocols as the program develops.

OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY WEBSITES:

Colorado Oil and Gas Association: www.coga.org/

Founded in 1984, the Colorado Oil & Gas Association's (COGA) mission is to foster and promote the beneficial, efficient, responsible and environmentally sound development, production and use of Colorado oil and natural gas.

Independent Petroleum Association of America: <http://www.ipaa.org/>

The Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) has represented independent oil and natural gas producers for three-quarters of a century.

America's Natural Gas Alliance: <http://www.anga.us/>

America's Natural Gas Alliance exists to promote the economic, environmental and national security benefits of greater use of clean, abundant, domestic natural gas. We represent 30 of North America's largest independent natural gas exploration and production companies and the leading developers of the shale plays now transforming the clean energy landscape.

ENVIRONMENTAL WEBSITES:

Natural Resources Defense Council: <http://www.nrdc.org/>

NRDC is the nation's most effective environmental action group, combining the grassroots power of 1.3 million members and online activists with the courtroom clout and expertise of more than 350 lawyers, scientists and other professionals.

Earthworks: <http://www.earthworksaction.org>

Earthworks is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting communities and the environment from the impacts of irresponsible mineral and energy development while seeking sustainable solutions... Earthworks evolved from the work of two organizations: Mineral Policy Center and the Oil & Gas Accountability Project.

The Oil and Gas Accountability Project:

http://www.earthworksaction.org/reform_governments/oil_gas_accountability_project

Earthworks' Oil & Gas Accountability Project serves drilling impacted communities around the country. One way we do so is by working to reform government policies at the federal, state and local levels.

MISCELLANEOUS WEBSITES OF IMPORT

Here are some references that may be helpful in your research. You should probably be familiar with the movie Gasland and its spinoffs, as this is where many people have gotten their knowledge of fracking. The movie is controversial and the debunking and the affirmation are informative, if perhaps confusing.

State Review of Oil and Gas Environmental Regulations: <http://www.strongerinc.org/>

STRONGER is a non-profit, multi-stakeholder organization whose purpose is to assist states in documenting the environmental regulations associated with the exploration, development and production of crude oil and natural gas...U.S. EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy have provided grant funding to STRONGER to support its activities. The American Petroleum Institute has also provided no-strings attached funding to support the state review process.

Gasland, the Movie: Available at your local public or university library, by purchase, or by subscription on various Internet sites.

Gasland Debunked: <http://www.energyindepth.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Debunking-Gasland.pdf>

Produced by "Energy in Depth", a project of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

Gasland Affirmed: <http://abcalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/Affirming-GASLAND.pdf>

Rebuttal of "Gasland Debunked", by Gasland producer Josh Fox.

Truthland: . <http://www.truthlandmovie.com/watch-movie/>

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