

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR PROPERTY

Deep Shale gas/oil drilling can impact the whole community

Test Your Water before Drilling Begins

Only an E.P.A. certified test has a chance of standing up in a legal challenge of a drilling company.

<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/labs.aspx>

Samples must be drawn at the well or outside faucet (before system treatment). Photograph the sampling process for your records

Portage County Health Dept. testing is less expensive, but does not include all toxins

Portage County Health Dept. 330-296-9919, ext. 116

EXTENSIVE TESTING IS MORE PROTECTIVE

After drilling begins, have water tested professionally one month and six months later.

To alert you to sudden changes in your water, a home-testing kit is available for about \$50.

Home tests won't stand up in court, but may prevent health impacts on your family.

Get Your House Appraised

Keep good records of your house and property value before any drilling takes place on your land or nearby. Professional appraisers are listed in the yellow pages and online, and local real-estate agents may be able to estimate your property's value now.

Deep shale horizontal gas and oil drilling is heavy industrial activity, with noise, air pollution, and constant high-volume heavy truck traffic. It can require 5-8 acre concrete well pads spaced as densely as every square mile, gas lines, compressor stations, and storage and transportation of massive quantities of toxic substances. Some of these impacts are expressly forbidden in many residential mortgages. Some of them affect insurance rates and availability. All of them can significantly impact property value for leased properties, properties nearby, and heavily leased communities in general, where "temporary" heavy industrial activity and tanker traffic may go on for several years, 24/7/365.

Document your home's and neighborhood's value now, as evidence in case its value drops when drilling begins. Use your camera, video camera, phone camera to record what you have now; be sure the date and time are noted in your pictures: Take front, back, side views of home, lawn, and neighborhood.



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