

# PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR PROPERTY

## Garrettsville could soon become an industrial zone

### *Why is Garrettsville Monitoring the Town Water Fields?*

In shale, oil and gas are everywhere, therefore, drillers try to lease huge tracts of land; where leased, they may place a well pad every square mile. Landsmen are offering leases in Garrettsville, to establish a well pad outside of town, then drill under the town.

Deep Shale Horizontal Drilling requires as many as 1200 trucks, millions of gallons of water, hundreds of thousands of gallons of chemicals, hundreds of tons of sand, & huge rigs for each well. Where people sign, communities will be industrialized.

A well pad can have 12 wells. Each well takes 4-8

weeks to set up & drill (24/7 traffic & drilling). Production requires pipelines, compressor stations, & separators. Industry predicts 1,000 new wells in Ohio a year for the next 5-10 years. There will be spills, leaks, truck accidents, and failed cement casings. Contamination of water aquifers is a real possibility.

***Garrettsville's Board of Public Affairs has prudently established a Water Monitoring Program to provide early warning in their watershed before contamination reaches the town's water well field.***

### *What can YOU DO? Get Your House Appraised*

**Contact your mortgage lender and your insurance company before you or your neighbors lease.**

Keep 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. Local real-estate agents may be able to estimate your property's value now.

The heavy industrial activities of deep shale horizontal gas and oil drilling with noise, air pollution, high-volume heavy truck traffic, gas lines, compressor stations, storage and transportation of massive quantities of toxic substances are expressly forbidden in many residential mortgages or insurance policies. Because this "temporary" heavy industrial activity and tanker traffic may go on for years, some of these activities may affect insurance rates and availability. All of them can impact property value for leased properties, properties nearby, and heavily leased communities.

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 (inside & out, including your foundations), lawn, and neighborhood. Document your home's and neighborhood's value now, as evidence --- before drilling begins.



**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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