

NB Anti-Shale Gas Alliance – New Brunswick News

Are exploration licenses and production leases of shale gas really separate things?

Our government says not to worry about seismic testing, because it is only exploration. NB's Oil and Gas Act - 26(3), explains how to change from exploration to production.

“A license to search may be converted to a lease in its entirety at the end of the license term, if in the opinion of the Minister, all exploration commitments under the license have been met.”

So, as long as a company simply spends a required amount during exploration, it is guaranteed a production lease – there is no process in between.

And the other myths we hear:

Are you confused by industry claims about the long history of fracking and industry claims of no contamination? The article below contains two short videos by experts that explain the confusion – **both are under 3 minutes long** and were made for the recent moratorium battles in Colorado. The one by Dr. Ingraffea is especially clear.

<http://ecowatch.com/2013/11/02/wes-wilson-tony-ingraffea-combat-fracking-misinformation-campaign/>

For a more detailed history and explanation of the gas industry's confusing wordplay:

http://blog.skytruth.org/2013/11/fracking-word-games.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Skytruth+%28SkyTruth%29

We hear a lot about Alberta...

As UNB economics professor, Dr. Rod Hill, pointed out in a lengthy examination earlier this year in the Telegraph Journal, “only 0.1 per cent of Alberta's natural gas is from shale.” Likewise, Alberta has few and very weak regulations on shale gas. For instance, unless regulations have been recently changed, Alberta does not even require testing of nearby water wells. Despite this, we are constantly told that they have no problems.

Below is a good piece on the experiences of an Albertan couple whose retirement dreams are being ruined by nearly unregulated shale gas development around their property (read and/or watch the 17 min. video). Their candid comments are particularly illuminating given that both made a living in the oil and gas industry before retirement. The site contains other stories as well. <http://albertavoices.ca/stories/thethomases/>

First Nations

The Nobel Prize winning organization, Amnesty International, has written an open letter to Premier Alward concerning the events at Rexton and the issue of free, prior and informed consent with the people of Elsipogtog. They essentially lay the blame for the situation on the government's failure to follow Canadian and international law on the topic and for the violence resulting from an overwhelming police response.

<http://www.amnesty.ca/news/coalition-letters/open-letter-concerning-anti-fracking-protests-at-the-elsipogtog-mi%E2%80%99kmaq-natio>