

Media Release

Don't Frack PEI Community-Involvement Program

Don't Frack PEI will conduct a West Prince training program for approximately ten community people at the Rodd Mill River Resort on Saturday, June 7, 2014, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Light snacks provided.. Pre-registration is preferred. To preregister, email cooperinstitute@eastlink.ca or phone Cooper Institute toll free: 1(877) 894-4573 before Thursday, June 5th .

The training session will provide participants with clear- language materials on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) for natural gas. Each participant will receive a how-to manual for use in their community groups and with their neighbours. There will be tips about how to get people interested and how to lead a kitchen table meeting about (Fracking). Participants will be encouraged to work in teams.

Don't Frack PEI is building on the success of the Charlottetown session, the first in the Island-wide community training.

Concerns about protecting the PEI water supply are growing. Evidence of this concern is the number of groups and individuals who are speaking out about high capacity wells. More people are learning that fracking if it were approved, also would cause lasting damage to our water source. Fracking and high capacity wells are related, because the fracking process requires immense quantities of water which would demand more high capacity wells.

Ordinary people know that Fracking has already destroyed essential water sources in other regions. This cannot be allowed in PEI where ground water is our only source of water. Don't Frack PEI points out that Islanders cannot leave decisions about oil and gas explorations solely in the hands of Government. Oil and gas companies with their wealth, power, and promises, can all-too-easily influence, and even control, governments.

Don't Frack PEI has access to a wide source of credible scientific studies which expose the harmful effects of fracking. They are easy to understand. These studies along with the witness of hundreds of communities all over North America make it clear that fracking is destructive and irreversible. "We must not let it happen in PEI".

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