

# KILL THE DRILL:

## STOP DRILLING IN NEW YORK CITY'S WATERSHED

**The Honorable David A Paterson**  
Governor, New York State  
State Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Paterson:

Elected officials, environmental advocates, and the *New York Times* editorial page all have called for an extension of the period for the public to comment on the State's proposed rules for natural gas drilling in New York. I am writing to add my voice to this request.

Please give New Yorkers an additional 60 days beyond the current November 30 deadline to comment on the State's draft Environmental Impact Statement. At stake is the quality of New York City's drinking water, the health of New Yorkers, and billions of taxpayer dollars to build and operate a filtration system if this decision is mishandled.

Along with many other New York City residents, I believe that the State has made a serious mistake by proposing to allow drilling in the Catskill / Delaware watershed. Drilling must be banned in the city's upstate watershed. The experience in other states shows that without a ban on drilling we risk contaminating the unfiltered water supply for 9 million New Yorkers.

We have avoided the massive cost of a filtration system only because of a waiver from the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Just two years ago, the agency determined that our water is so clean that filtration is unnecessary. No doubt, a different verdict will be rendered by the federal government if drilling is allowed in close proximity to the reservoirs, rivers, and streams that supply 90 percent of the city's drinking water.

Governor Paterson, you have built a strong record of combating environmental threats to the people of New York State. We need your leadership once again.

Sincerely,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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