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Re: Frack it.
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> osprey wrote:
> I should use the term "natural gas extraction related" instead of fracking? The more i read the more it seems that it happens quite often......not just in Ohio but all over. bikerfish and Farmer.....could you feel the shakin where yinz live? We had one here last summer , i thought there was something wrong with my truck. It was a 3. sumpin. LOTSA drillin and pumpin going on here.

I'll admit, I silently chuckle when people complain about "fracking." Usually it is a sign of a lack of clue, but not always.

The issue of late is horizontal drilling combined with hydraulic fracturing. Hydraulic fracturing itself is not new. The first time it was done was 1949 (I think) and had been done over a million times since. Before that, they use dynamite and water for fracture a well to coax more out of it.

Hydraulic fracturing is done routinely all over the place. Yet it only recently has become a buzz word.

What's new is the horizontal drilling.

Although the wells near Johnstown were not "fracking" it is the same principle. Fluids forced down a hole at very high pressures. And I don't think those injection wells were horizontal.

I don't think any of the new wells in NE Ohio are the horizontal variety. Although there is M shale here, it isn't as thick and that has not been the target here (yet). There are more productive shales which are actually deeper here.

A vertical deep well was drilled within sight of my farm (a little over a mile). They got the bit stuck at about 6000 ft and gave up and moved up the road. There has been some drilling around here but not a lot, and none horizontal.

I didn't feel any earthquakes from Youngstown or any of the local stuff. But have recently been hearing and feeling some substantial blasting in the distance. No idea what it is from, and the sand and gravel pit in that direction is closed.

Everyone needs to remember that either we mine it or we grow it. That applies to everything.