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> greenghost wrote:
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> > pcray1231 wrote:
> > And gudgeon is correct, we've been drilling for gas in PA for 150 years. Fracking for the majority of that time.
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> pc,
> I thought fracking was a relatively recent innovation... maybe the ability to do it at the depths of the Marcellus formation?

It's not. I did some research on this, and the first time hydraulic fracturing was used was 1949, and the process has been used over a million times.

However, there was other fracking even before that using explosives and water. I saw a video of that being done once. Exciting, but not pretty.

It always makes me chuckle a little bit when people go all chicken little on fracking. But not as big of a chuckle when I read Maurice's response talking about Radon coming up in the fracking fluid. Sorry Mo, but Radon is a gas that is produced during the radioactive decay of other radioactive material such as Radium. It has a half life of 3.8 days. No exactly a big concern unless you are trapped in a large bubble with large concentrations of it, such as your house.

When first reading about it, the radioactive materials did bother me a little bit, but rather than simply fear what I didn't quite understand, I looked into it. I may not agree 100% with Pat's take on the hazards of it. More like 97%. 😉

What's different isn't the fracking, it's the horizontal drilling. For you anti's out there, what's your alternative?