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I LIVE IN PANTUCKET BUT SEE NO SENSE IN ACQUIRING
I have been scientifically trained and continue to think as such. I oppose this plant because there has been nothing that proves to me that the plant would be safe to build or operate, the gas it uses has not been proven to be safe to either extract or use, the few jobs that would be temporarily be generated along with minimal tax relief or power generation would in no way justify the permanent jeopardy to public health or the environment.

ONE OF
300 SMALL
PLANTS.
EVERY
PLANT
BUILT
GENERATES
MORE.
FRACKING

Once the beauty and natural aspect of this place is destroyed by the construction of the plant, it cannot be reversed.

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Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) has proposed to build a 650-megawatt fracked gas power plant in Wawayanda, NY. The residents of Orange County, NY already know firsthand that living near fracked gas infrastructure poses many of the same health risks as living next to fracking wells.

In 2013, a fracked gas compressor station was built in nearby [Minisink, New York](#) to move gas along the Millennium Pipeline. Because of emissions from the compressor station children living nearby began suffering from nosebleeds, rashes, headaches and dizziness.

A [study](#) done by the Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project in November 2015 found that the air pollution around Minisink was worse than that of a big city. Families with homes close to the compress station have walked away from them.

CPV's fracked gas power plant would release 43 times the emissions as the compressor station. And it's just one of some **300 fracked gas power plants** that are being proposed all over the country. If these plants are built you can say goodbye to New York City.

Researchers are finding that the web of fracked gas infrastructure that crosses all over the country has a [big emissions problem](#). And those emissions aren't just bad for local air, they're catastrophic for the [climate](#).

[Methane](#), the main component of natural gas, is 86 -105 times more potent of a greenhouse gas than CO₂ in the first 20 years it's in the atmosphere. Cornell Earth systems scientist [Robert Howarth](#) said since the planet responds so quickly to methane, if we want to slow global warming, we must immediately and drastically reduce methane emissions.

But what Howarth and other researchers studying emissions are finding are scary rates of leakage from extraction to delivery. There's continual leakage at the wellhead, there's leakage from the storage and processing facilities, purposeful venting and also accidental leaks. There's leakage in the pipeline systems, distribution systems and storage systems.

If just 3 percent of the fracked gas being mined and supplied to the power plant leaks throughout its life cycle, natural gas is worse than [coal](#) for global warming. In the Uinta Basin, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration found 6 to 12 percent leakage rates for natural gas production. And before the [Aliso Canyon disaster](#), they found leakage in the Los Angeles Basin was 17 percent. [Harvard found](#) that the U.S. shale boom over all has increased global methane emissions by more than 30 percent.

The U.S. has a serious methane problem that will go from bad to dire pretty fast if we build 300 fracked gas power plants.

YESTERDAY'S NY, TIMES

Climate Model Predicts West Antarctic Ice Sheet Could Melt Rapidly

Continued high emissions of heat-trapping gases could launch a disintegration of the ice sheet within decades, according to a [study](#) published Wednesday, heaving enough water into the ocean

to raise the sea level as much as three feet by the end of this century.

With ice melting in other regions, too, the total rise of the sea could reach five or six feet by 2100, the researchers found. That is roughly twice the increase [reported](#) as a plausible worst-case scenario by a United Nations panel just three years ago, and so high it would likely provoke a profound crisis within the lifetimes of children being born today.

MY STORY

My own health along with countless others, was basically ruined by a toxic mold exposure in Haverhill, MA where I took all the precautions I could think of and bought ½ of a condex that had, unbeknownst to me, been built using inferior materials, not up to code on a protected wetland.

Where building occurred, the Conservation Commission declared that area to be no longer protected wetlands.

The Condos all had particle board inside the walls that touched the ground, wicking up moisture that led to massive mold growth inside the walls.

People got sick, moved out, others moved in, cycle repeated.

Realtors had to know, no one was told.

Money was made, I'm sure there were lots of construction jobs.

There is no one to look out for human health except those who are at risk and have perhaps already lost their health.