

If you are interested in watching for accidents, misdeeds or dangerous situations around gas drilling, remember:

- You have every right to travel public roads, follow vehicles, photograph anything you see from the road
If possible, have someone with you. Teamwork is useful
 - Take as many photos as possible of any activity or situation that concerns you – from a few different angles if possible.
 - If confronted, stay calm and firm but not aggressive, threatening or confrontational.

What to watch for:

- road spraying or any truck dumping or dribbling anything – particularly “septic” trucks
- a gas well fire or any fire near a well – it might just be “flaring” which is allowed
- any truck taking water from a pond or stream. Is the required permit posted at withdrawal site?
- spilled chemicals : any brightly colored or strong smelling fluids
- fluids outside lined pits, holes in the liner, or fluid spilling over or seeping from a wellpad
- leaking from tanks or pipes on a wellpad
- seismic testing or ANYTHING you think is not right — write it down.

Document problems properly:

- Use a camera (digital with time&date stamp is best) & audio recorder if possible, or camcorder. Speak the date&place into voice recordings
- Keep written notes in a bound notebook – not a spiral pad or 3-ring binder. A bound book provides stronger proof later: pages can't be added/torn out. Cross out any blank space at the bottom after taking notes to prove you did not go back later to add (remembered) evidence.

To collect samples:

- 2 Wear gloves!
- 3 Prepare clean glass. If you can, sterilize them by boiling 10 minutes and sealing while hot.

Put sample in jar and immediately label with location, date, circumstances. Also record this in a separate log/bound notebook. Or make notes on a voice recorder or have someone photo or video you taking the sample with the time/date stamp feature turned on. DATE: TIME: _____

LOCATION: be as exact as possible – miles from next intersection, note obvious landmarks, etc. Take notes from the gas companies signs at end of driveways that identify wells by landowners name and other info.

ACTIVITY / SITUATION of CONCERN: Describe in as much detail as time permits – photos will help. Note things that can't be shown in photos such as strong odors, sounds, etc.

PHOTOGRAPH NUMBERS: To match notes to the photos on a digital or other camera: _____

VEHICLE TYPE: _____

LOGO/COMPANY NAME: _____

LICENCE PLATE NUMBER: _____

DIRECTION/SPEED OF TRAVEL/Name of Road: _____

Some of these things could end up in court years from now, and documentation from the time of occurrence will be invaluable to establish a credible witness.

REPORTING: After filling out this form, make two photocopies

Send one to the Dept of Environmental Conservation according to the process detailed at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/393.html>

Mail one to: CDOG, PO Box 443, Delhi, NY 13753 (to be assured that the DEC follows through)

Keep one in your files

OR

email the above information (scan if possible) to the DEC at r5dsptch@gw.dec.state.ny.us

and to CDOG at un.naturalgas@gmail.com

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www.un-naturalgas.org

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