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Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation Poses Little Threat to Groundwater

*Statement from Brad Gill, IOGA of NY executive director, regarding
University of Texas at Austin study*

“Once again [objective research](#) has concluded that technology used to free gas from shale deposits is not a threat to fresh water aquifers. The University of Texas at Austin found what industry experts and regulators have already known: that the process of hydraulic fracturing is safe and that the fluids used in the process do not contaminate ground water.

The UT at Austin study concluded, ‘Researchers found no evidence of aquifer contamination from hydraulic fracturing chemicals in the subsurface by fracturing operations and observed no leakage from hydraulic fracturing at depth.’

These findings [further validate](#) that this environmental concern is unfounded and that hydraulic fracturing, which has spurred economic recovery, job creation, inexpensive natural gas and greater energy independence, is a proven and safe method for extracting natural gas and oil.”

The study was funded by the University of Texas Energy Institute, with scoping and methodology support from the Manhattan-based Environmental Defense Fund.

Find access to the study [here](#).

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