

BEFORE YOU SIGN A GAS & OIL WELL LEASE

**PROTECT YOUR HOME & PROPERTY
UNDERSTAND THE OIL/GAS LEASE
HOW SAFE IS A WELL NEAR YOUR HOME?
DRILLING: DOLLARS AND SENSE**

Protect Your Home

BEFORE DRILLING

Conduct baseline Radon test
Install Explosive Gas Detectors

HOME & LAND DAMAGE

Who is Responsible?
Drilling Company?

Understand Lease

DO YOUR RESEARCH!

Who will eventually OWN the well?
Who will be Liable for Accidents?
DO NOT be threatened to sign
by mandatory pooling.
DO NOT BE BULLIED-NO
obligation to sign a lease.
HIRE an Attorney to Review lease.

Home Safety Changes

Lease must state the **exact location** of well, storage tanks, access roads, pipelines, holding pond of toxic fracking water.

Gases & diesel fumes may seep into your house.

Ask drilling company for a list of the toxic chemicals they use for fracking your well.

BE INFORMED!



DRILLING: Dollars and Sense

YOUR home value WILL decrease.
Will your home owner's insurance increase?
FHA will not approve loans for a property with an active well lease.

YOU PAY TAXES on royalties.

**DRILLING IS AN INDUSTRIAL
BUSINESS NOT SAFE IN OUR
BACKYARDS**

DRILLING CO'S ACCIDENT & VIOLATION HISTORY
ODNR 614-265-6901

Signing an oil/gas lease changes your property, way of life and health forever.



“Oil and natural gas operations are subject to many risks, including well blowouts, craterings, explosions, uncontrollable flows of oil, natural gas or well fluids, fires, formations with abnormal pressures, pipeline ruptures or spills, pollution, release of toxic natural gas and other environmental hazards and risks.”

Statement from an Oil/Gas Developer Prospectus, Range Resources, May 2006

SIGNING A LEASE Changes Your Property and Surrounding Properties

1. Clearing of vegetation and trees on your property.
2. Building access roads to drill pad.
3. Heavy truck traffic.
4. Diesel fumes from semi-trucks and drill rig running 24 hours.
5. Digging large pits to hold toxic chemicals mixed with water.
6. Waste production and burial on your property.
7. Laying of pipelines in your ground.
8. Use and storage of toxic chemicals on your property.
9. Release of toxic natural gas during drilling and production.
10. Questioning the safety of your children playing in your backyard.
11. Your property value will likely decrease substantially.
12. Unable to sell your home if banks will not approve buyer's loan.

GAS & OIL COMPANIES ARE EXEMPT FROM:

Clean Air Act

Clean Water Act

Safe Drinking Water Act

Superfund Law

Local Noise Ordinances

Weight Limit Ordinances

32 ODNR INSPECTORS in Ohio

64,378 ACTIVE WELLS

275,774 TOTAL OIL/GAS WELLS

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