

Eamonn Murtagh

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To: Eamonn Murtagh
Subject: CER Consultation on Fracking

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a concerned citizen living in Leitrim and an academic involved in Energy Management, there are very very many reasons for me to voice major concerns about the process underway, however, I will limit myself to two.

1. The process of so-called unconventional exploration for natural gas is very obviously a high risk process. The companies promoting it say that they will comply with all the regulations. Until such time as there is a comprehensive set of regulatory guidelines in place, with the appropriate and adequately funded state agencies in place to 'police' the process, unconventional exploration should not be considered under any circumstances. This should protect the two most important industries which we have in Ireland - tourism and food/agriculture.
2. A significant proportion of the population in Leitrim in particular have chosen to live there out of love and respect for the environment. There is already a very strong renewable energy presence there, and a movement to sustainable living, organic horticulture and building - as witnessed by the thousands of visits recently to sustainable houses as part of the Green Homes initiative. This population has already been seriously alienated by the process underway. Any attempt to continue will result in massive social unrest.

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