

**LWV Ohio Statehouse Day – April 26, 2016**  
**LWVO Lobbyist Report**  
**Hydraulic-Fracturing/Fracking (LWVUS Positions on Natural Resources and Right to Know)**  
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LWVO Approach to Gas and Oil Production

Our advocacy is based on the following propositions:

- Gas and oil production should be carried out with the minimum amount of environmental damage. Clean water and clean air are important to us.
- Gas and oil production should be carried out with the maximum protection of public health and safety.
- All information about chemicals used in the process should be readily available to the public. We value the citizens' right to know.

We have testified three times before legislative committees in the past year, advocating:

- Longer setbacks of production wells from homes and water supplies.
- Complete public disclosure of the chemicals used in fracking.
- Increased penalties for illegal dumping of fracking waste.

News Clips

We periodically e-mail links to stories of interest on water and fracking to LWVO members who have signed up. To receive them, send an e-mail to [alanpeg@alum.mit.edu](mailto:alanpeg@alum.mit.edu) with "Subscribe Water News" on the Subject line.

Coordination with LWVUS

LWVUS sent a letter to EPA citing additional evidence that should be used in development of a regulation on damage to water supplies by fracking. LWVO joined a number of other state Leagues in co-signing the letter.

LWVUS has been urging EPA to develop a strong regulation on methane emissions. The best way to follow and participate is to go the LWVUS web site [lww.org](http://lww.org) and enter methane in the Search box.