

August 16, 2010

Dear New Yorker,

Please join us at a town hall meeting on **Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** from **5 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at the **Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) located at 199 Chambers Street in Manhattan** to discuss natural gas drilling in New York State.

At this public meeting, there will be an opportunity to comment on areas you believe should be studied by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in its proposed study examining the potential health and environmental impacts of hydraulic drilling.

The NYC Council has been working on this issue for quite some time now, and we remain seriously concerned about this type of gas extraction. Natural gas drilling in New York State could contaminate the drinking water of more than 12 million NYC-area residents.

**It's important that we hear from you and other New Yorkers about this critical issue.**

While the EPA has held hearings elsewhere across the nation, none have been scheduled yet in New York State. This town hall will give us an important opportunity to raise our questions and concerns about natural gas drilling and its potential impact on the region's water supply.

Please note that written testimony may be of any length but speakers will be limited to two minutes so that everyone may have an opportunity to speak. If you are submitting written testimony, please bring 15 copies. For those who can not make it to the meeting, testimony may also be submitted electronically to [speakerquinn@council.nyc.gov](mailto:speakerquinn@council.nyc.gov). Copies of all testimony will be submitted to the EPA before the public comment period closes.

We look forward to seeing you at the town hall on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP at (212) 788-6871 or [events@council.nyc.gov](mailto:events@council.nyc.gov) by **Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Sincerely,  
Christine C. Quinn  
Speaker  
New York City Council

James F. Gennaro  
Chair, Environmental Protection Committee  
New York City Council

**Directions:**

- A, C, E to Chambers Street; walk 3 blocks west on Chambers Street.
- 1, 2, or 3 to Chambers Street (local); walk 2 blocks west on Chambers Street.
- R to City Hall (local); walk 6 blocks west on Chambers Street.