



People concerned about the effects of fracking on the health and safety of our communities

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MOB TO PROTEST FRACKING AT MARBURGER DAIRY FARM

EVANS CITY, PA – *“The big rig is up.”* Showing apparent disregard for health and food supply safety, XTO Energy Inc. recently installed a well pad and hydro-fracture drilling rig in a producing corn field on Marburger Dairy Farm property. To say this riled concerned citizens of Marcellus Outreach Butler (MOB) would be an understatement, and the group is organizing a protest — OCTOBER OUTRAGE — to be held Saturday, October 8th, beginning at 11AM, near the dairy farm, which is located at 1506 Mars-Evans City Rd. (zip code 16033).

Mounting scientific as well as anecdotal evidence shows fracking near farms threatens our food supply, and that no food is as sensitive to contamination as milk. According to its website, Marburger Dairy (whose motto is “Quality in a Bottle”) milks over 100 cows twice a day, and also processes milk shipped in from 70 other farms. Four days a week, more than 25,000 gallons of milk are distributed to homes, schools, hospitals, restaurants and other businesses.

XTO Energy, a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil, has a “**frack record**” in Pennsylvania — with 31 fracking-related pollution violations at 20 Marcellus Shale wells last year — that is not a good “**track record.**” When farmland is fracked, the chemical-laden, so-called “slick water” that remains stranded underground after a well is drilled is as much of a concern as the flowback frack water spilled or contained in a pond at the surface. Toxic water can contaminate aquifers, well water, and soil ... all of which of course, sustain plants, animals and people.

More details about OCTOBER OUTRAGE will be announced over the next two weeks. For further information, contact pekecl@zoominternet.net. Information about Fracking & Farming is contained in <https://acrobat.com/app.html#d=RF-gWpS33h7fE1A5ic0iwg>, among other resources.

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