



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

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### **MOB DETAILS REASONS FOR UPCOMING PROTEST AT MARBURGER DAIRY**

EVANS CITY, PA – Concerned citizens are invited to join Marcellus Outreach Butler (MOB) Saturday, October 8 to protest fracking at Marburger Dairy. Dubbed OCTOBER OUTRAGE, the protest will begin at 11:00 AM near the drilling rig that is within sight of dairy facilities at 1506 Mars-Evans City Rd. (zip code 16033). Parking there will be limited; people can gather at Evans City's Edco Park at 10:00 AM for shuttle transportation, or to march to the protest en masse, if they like.

Fracking involves jettisoning millions of gallons of water, laden with toxic chemicals, into the earth at upwards of 15,000 psi of pressure, then setting explosions to shatter Marcellus shale, so that pockets of natural gas may be released. Cement drill-well casings are sometimes blown out, allowing the toxic water to flow freely. Subterranean pockets of methane gas and radioactive minerals, also disrupted, can migrate into soil and aquifers, from which crops are grown and well water is pumped. Hazardous elements and toxic waste are also in the so-called "produced water" brought back out of a fracked well and stored or disposed of at ground level.

Four of MOB's reasons for organizing OCTOBER OUTRAGE are:

1. Fracking puts crops, livestock and milk at risk of toxic contamination and can bring equally harmful diesel and methane fumes into the local environment.
2. Testing procedures that might warn consumers about such substances in cows or milk are not in place (may not even exist). Cows at Marburger Dairy reportedly drink well water.
3. MOB wants to reach out to Marburger neighbors and employees about health screenings, as well as air and water testing. MOB is already coordinating with GASP.
4. Protesting in the berm and right-of-way along Mars-Evans City Road will point out its slow speed limit and two-lane width.

Soon, scores of tanker trucks hauling water and chemicals will be traveling back and forth on that road night and day. Cars, school buses, police and EMT vehicles, as well as normal truck traffic, will likely be affected for months. Citizens will bear the *brunt* of the inconvenience; who will bear the *cost* of continual road repairs has yet to be announced.

For more information about the protest, contact [pekecl@zoominternet.net](mailto:pekecl@zoominternet.net). Links for more information about fracking, fracking of farmland, or traffic disruption aspects of fracking include:

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<http://markbittman.com/fracking-cattle>

<http://www.marcellusprotest.org/sandra-steingraber-at-shale-gas-outrage>

[www.marcellus%20shale%20report%205-18-2010.pdf](http://www.marcellus%20shale%20report%205-18-2010.pdf)

<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/2550326/posts>

[http://www.marcellus-shale.us/road\\_damage.htm](http://www.marcellus-shale.us/road_damage.htm)

<http://www.observer-reporter.com/or/localnews/10-21-2010-fracking-truck-rolls>

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