



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

### **Issues for the Connoquenessing Emergency Water Action**

- At least 10 families, including 31 men, women, children, plus animals, lost access to clean safe water February 29th.
- Some families kept silent about their water problems for fear of losing their water buffaloes.
- Rex Energy uses “being a good neighbor” as part of its public relations campaign, but a good neighbor does not remove the supply of clean water from families whose water remains undrinkable
- Although Rex continues to deny responsibility for the toxic water in these homes, the following facts cannot be ignored.
  - ⇒ In an Associated Press article by Kevin Begos, 2/27/2012, at least two gas wells in 2010 near Connoquenessing Woodlands developed casing problems during the drilling process.
  - ⇒ In fact, Rex was cited in September 2010, for either failing to report casing job problems within 24 hours or failure to submit a plan to correct the problem within 30 days.
  - ⇒ In November of 2010 the company was cited for a stream discharge of drilling waste, and failure to properly store, transport, or dispose of waste.
  - ⇒ A few months later, residents began complaining that their water was tainted.
  - ⇒ The AP also found that another nearby well used as much as 66,446 gallons of petroleum distillates during the hydraulic fracturing process. Since early last year, people have complained of suddenly discolored and smelly water, unexplained illnesses, and tests that suggest the presence of industrial chemicals in their water.
  - ⇒ The PA Boat and Fish Commission has an ongoing investigation of “a dozen spills in over a dozen creeks in the area.”

- Because neither Rex Energy Corp. nor the state environmental regulators (DEP) disclosed those problems during recent discussions about the contamination, how can we trust either Rex or DEP to be vigilant and take responsibility for the health of this community?
- We do trust neighbors from near and far who have stepped up to help. Stephen Cleghorn from Jefferson County delivered a water buffalo to the McIntyres; Natural Resource Defense Council has pledged to provide water to the McEvoy's and McIntyres (the families who have been most outspoken) for 30 days; people today have brought gallons of water to be delivered to the affected families; neighbors in Connoquenessing Woodlands have been bringing bottled water to an elderly, blind woman, since the beginning of these problems.

### **Our Demands**

- Rex Energy immediately restores the water to all the affected families and reimburse the families for money they have spent on the following: filtration systems, electricity for heating water buffaloes to prevent water from freezing and water delivery.
- Rex and DEP are forthcoming about the spills and drilling failures that pose a potential danger to the health and well being of communities in which drilling is occurring. DEP actively monitors water quality in the area.
- In the event that Rex fails to act responsibly as a "good neighbor" that Brian Ellis, Mary Jo White, and the EPA exercise all their powers to ensure the safety and health of the people of Connoquenessing Woodlands.