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November 18, 2009

Honorable David Paterson
Governor of the New York State
Executive Chamber
Albany, NY 12224

Honorable Peter Grannis
Commissioner
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233

Re: Natural Gas Drilling in New York City Watershed and elsewhere in New York State

Dear Governor Paterson and Commissioner Grannis,

The Delaware and Catskill Watershed together provide approximately 90% of New York City's water supply. New York City's water is known for its excellent quality and can not be jeopardized by the prospect of allowing drilling for natural gas using the hydraulic fracturing method. This method has resulted in contaminated water supplies in other states.

Water contamination during drilling operations and during the storage and disposal of millions of gallons of the water and chemical additive used in the process can threaten the safety and purity of New York City's water supply.

At Brooklyn Community Board #5 November 18, 2009 meeting, the membership entered a motion to oppose the practice of the hydraulic fracturing method of obtaining natural gas in the Delaware and Catskill watershed areas as well as anywhere in the State of New York. The motion to oppose hydraulic fracturing drilling passed, by a unanimous vote of a quorum present at the meeting.

We urge the Governor of New York State and the Environmental Conservation Commissioner of New York State to protect the City of New York's water supply by prohibiting hydraulic fracturing drilling for natural gas within New York State.

Sincerely,

Nathan Bradley, Chair
Community Board #5

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