

## Newfoundland & Labrador Hydraulic Fracturing Review

May 21, 2015

Kwe' Committee members,

I wanted to take a moment of your time to express my feelings towards this issue of hydraulic fracking. We the people who live on the face of Mother Earth cannot accept a process where numerous toxic chemicals are injected into the ground under our feet. The environment is interconnected which is why we as Mi'kmaq call the earth Mother Earth. She provides for us and we must respect her and take only what we need and all the while taking care not to upset the balance between the plants, animals, the earth, the water, the sky and ourselves.

The Mi'kmaq people of the Port au Port Peninsula are totally against Fracking of any sort, we have seen the ill effects it is having in places in the U.S. and also in Alberta. We will not trade a few meaningless jobs for our health and well being and the well being of our children for generations to come.

Please put a stop to all the nonsense and apply a total ban on this practice on our priceless and invaluable lands of our great Island. To do otherwise would be to do the bidding of soulless corporations and greedy shareholders who have no respect for us or the land we live on.

To do so will spell disaster for the people and environment, it will poison us and poison our children and our children's children for all the generations to come.

Thank you (welai'lin) for your consideration and heed my warnings.

J. Benwah