

THE WEEKLY PROFIT

FROM THE SACRIFICE ZONE

Sue Gilbert

Without prejudice

26th February 2019



Sue

Frack Free South Yorkshire - Press Release

Monday 11 February 2019

Support for shale gas sinks to a new low, as cracks appear in the industry

In a government survey on energy, published last Thursday, 6 February, public support for fracking has sunk to a record low.

The survey ⁽¹⁾, carried out quarterly for the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, found that 13% supported fracking while 35% opposed fracking. The government survey also revealed 77% of people want renewable energy; the most common reason being the loss or destruction of the natural environment, followed by the risk of earthquakes.

David Burley, co-founder of Frack Free South Yorkshire says, "It's no surprise that support for fracking is now at an all-time low, as more people discover shale gas is the wrong choice for future UK energy."

"What we need is an increase in locally produced renewable energy and storage, and our UK housing stock to be fully insulated (to reduce energy bills), creating a million clean, sustainable energy jobs. Our Government is out of tune with the people on energy, and this latest survey shows that more people are aware about the dangers associated with fracking."

Also over the last week, Jim Ratcliffe (INEOS) and Francis Egan (Cuadrilla), have been busy pressuring the government to increase the earthquake limits, so that earthquakes of a magnitude of 4 on the Richter scale can occur in fracking operations.

The current limit of 0.5, set by our government and agreed to by the industry, has halted fracking operations several times for Cuadrilla in Lancashire when much higher tremors were caused.

The Limit was agreed by the industry? Surely then this limit cannot be changed now?

‘Our Government is out of tune with the people on energy, and this latest survey shows that more people are aware about the dangers associated with fracking.’



Bees Against Fracking

<http://www.texassharon.com/2013/10/03/new-study-shows-bees-are-the-latest-victims-of-fracking/>

NEW STUDY: SHOWS BEES ARE THE LATEST VICTIMS OF FRACKING

October 3, 2013 By TXsharon

As if bees aren't already in enough trouble, scientists have determined that diesel exhaust can confuse bees when they are foraging.

Bees' foraging for flowers 'hampered by diesel exhaust'

By Victoria Gill

Science reporter, BBC News

The study, published in Scientific Reports, also revealed that a specific group of chemicals found in diesel exhaust, known as NOx, diminished the insects' response to floral scents.

Drilling, fracking and oil and gas production are tremendous on-road and off-road sources of NOx. The past few weeks, people in Mansfield have complained endlessly about diesel emissions and other horrible odors from an EagleRidge (yes, THAT EagleRidge) operation in their neighborhood.

First the diesel bulldozers and backhoes come to clear the land.

Many diesel truck trips later, the diesel rig is set up.

Fracking takes hundreds of diesel truck trips and diesel engines.

Next comes the flaring and then there is the endless stream of oil and gas service trucks

Without bees we have no food. I like food. I don't like fracking.



Rising British Gas bills are being invested in fracking – increasing prices more, say protesters **'Fracking is expensive and damaging and is only delaying urgent investment in the clean energy'**

Ruchira Sharma 21.02.2019

British Gas customers can expect more price hikes, environmental protesters say. The UK's biggest gas provider announced plans to raise prices by £119 for 3 million customers from 1 April. **Centrica, the multinational parent company which owns British Gas, also funds fracking through an organisation called Cuadrilla.**

Centrica and fracking Centrica became a 25% partner in Cuadrilla's Lancashire expansion in 2013 and committed to pay £40m in cash and £60m towards exploration costs in the licence area. Last year, The Times reported that £60m of Centrica's money had been spent by September 2018, before attempts to frack began.



Don't Frack Our Future
Ban Fracking

<https://drillordrop.com/2019/02/20/cuadrilla-wants-to-use-more-chemicals-to-improve-fracking-at-shale-gas-site/>

Drill or Drop

Cuadrilla wants to use more chemicals to improve fracking at shale gas site

BY [RUTH HAYHURST](#) ON [FEBRUARY 20, 2019](#)

The shale gas company, Cuadrilla, is seeking permission to add new chemicals to its fracking operations in Lancashire.

In [details](#) published today, the company said it wanted to change the composition of the fracking fluid so that more sand could be carried into fractures in the shale rock.

This follows news earlier this month that Cuadrilla had [fully fracked only 5%](#) of its first well at the site at Preston New Road near Blackpool. Fracking operations, between October and December 2018, were paused at least five times because they induced earth tremors measuring 0.5ML or above. Fracturing equipment has since been moved off the site.

Today's application to the Environment Agency also seeks permission to use methanol, alternative drilling muds and a new biocide. If approved, the changes would additionally make it clear that Cuadrilla can frack each well more than once.

Local opponents of Cuadrilla's operation described it as a "desperate attempt to revive a dying industry" and said it felt as if they were being "fracked by trial and error".

This is the latest in a series of changes to the environmental permit for Preston New Road. Cuadrilla submitted its first application nearly five years ago in June 2014. These latest proposals, if approved, would become version nine.

The changes incorporate "operational refinements identified during site operations to date", Cuadrilla said, and "more precisely reflects the site's procedures and operational controls".

A public consultation began today and continues until 30 March 2019.

"Shale gas may transform a previously pristine and quiet natural region, bringing increased industrialisation. As a result, rural economy businesses that rely on clean air, land, water and/or a tranquil environment may suffer losses from this change, such as agriculture, tourism, organic farming, hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation."

Quote taken from the Government's Draft DEFRA Report:
"Shale Gas Rural Economy Impacts Paper" 1st July 2015

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CONSERVATIVE PARTY REPRESENTATIVES

PART 1: CODE OF CONDUCT

Purpose of this Code of Conduct

- To set out the minimum standards of behaviour expected from anyone representing the Party as an elected or appointed official or office-holder.

What standards are expected of individuals covered by this Code?

They should:

- follow the Seven Principles of Public Life established by Lord Nolan and the Committee on Standards in Public Life:
1. **Selflessness – Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.**

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/feb/21/teachers-to-join-climate-protests-to-demand-curriculum-reform>

The Guardian

Jonathan Watts 21.09.2019

Teachers to join climate protests to demand curriculum reform

On Friday demonstrators will protest against ‘negligent’ climate change education

Teachers will follow on the heels of striking students on Friday with a protest to demand the national curriculum be reformed to make the climate and ecological crisis an educational priority.

<https://amp.theguardian.com/environment/2019/feb/21/ban-new-gas-boilers-by-2025-says-committee-on-climate->

The Guardian

Ban gas boilers in new homes by 2025, says Committee on Climate Change

Government advisers suggest homes are heated using low-carbon energy instead

Press Association, Thursday 21 Feb 2019

Gas hobs or boilers should be banned from being installed in new homes within the next six years, government advisers have recommended.

A report by the Committee on Climate Change (CCC) says that from 2025 at the latest, no new homes should be connected to the gas grid – with super-efficient houses and flats heated using low-carbon energy instead.

<https://www.energyvoice.com/oilandgas/193193/public-feel-ignored-by-uk-government-over-fracking-poll-finds/>

Energy Voice

David MPhee 21.02.2019

The general public feel ignored by the UK Government when it comes to the issue of fracking, a new poll has found.

More than half of all respondents to a survey published today said that the government should prioritise the concerns of the general public when making decisions on whether to weaken regulations connected to hydraulic fracturing.

Commissioned by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), 54% felt they should be prioritised over fracking firms, while 51% of those polled said they felt ignored by authorities.

Only 13% of respondents said they felt “listened to” by the government on fracking.

The survey, which was carried out by YouGov on the behalf of the countryside charity, follows a series of calls from fracking companies for the government to loosen regulations that force them to stop fracking if it causes earthquakes with a magnitude of 0.5 or above.

Tom Fyans, deputy chief executive at CPRE, said: “The public has made it abundantly clear that they do not want earthquake regulations to be weakened.

“But given that they don’t believe that the government is listening to their concerns over fracking – at a time when we are facing the unprecedented threat of climate change – it is imperative that action is taken to restore public faith.

“If the government rolls over on this latest bout of industry lobbying and relaxes these standards to make way for more fracking – which exist to protect the public, our countryside and environment – it will only ramp up public opposition to new heights.

“At a time when government proposals threaten to impose fast-tracked fracking over communities’ heads, it is crucial that it reassures the public that it is taking their concerns seriously.”

However, the YouGov poll also found that 54% support the rules as they stand and that only 24% would support weakening limits on earthquakes caused by fracking.

New York Times

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/05/climate/greenhouse-gas-emissions-2018.html>

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Accelerate Like a 'Speeding Freight Train' in 2018 By Kendra Pierre-Louis. 05.12.2018

Greenhouse gas emissions worldwide are growing at an accelerating pace this year, researchers said Wednesday, putting the world on track to face some of the most severe consequences of global warming sooner than expected.



End the Madness - Ban Fracking.

We are the electorate. We have a vote. We will use our votes

