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The United States as a beacon of the free world can boldly embark on ***the new era of responsible energy*** by rapidly moving toward full scale conservation, renewable power, energy efficiency and climate stewardship while developing domestic resources, boycotting foreign oil and transforming fossil fuel production. With this end in mind, the [Climate Change Leadership Institute \(CCLI\)](#) and the [Students for a Sustainable Future \(SSF\)](#) present *LIFT THE FOG AMERICA*, a project to engage our civil society in

### [10 VITAL WAYS TO CHAMPION SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE FRACKING OF OIL & GAS:](#)

- (10) **Tackle the greenhouse gas problems associated with fracking:** prevent/plug/capture/report any *leaked methane* from fracking wells as well as all other methane leaking points in the oil & gas development life cycle; [get definitive scientific facts on](#), and write a letter to your local newspaper's editor about, this important issue.
- (9) **Raise the integrity in America's oil and gas development:** make this fracking race to the bottom a race to the top; [stay current on the business & ethics of fracking](#); help shoulder the true costs of our energy and work to make the US the world economic leader in cleaner energy extraction technologies & sustainable development practices;
- (8) **Encourage corporate responsibility in the fracking industry:** join the mass movement of [shareholders calling for industry responsibility](#); advocate for [the many ways](#) our big energy businesses can apply best practices.
- (7) **Have no tolerance for special treatment of the oil & gas industry** and all the unjustifiable waivers from our nation's premier health, safety & environmental protections: Learn the laundry [list of inexcusable exemptions](#) and insist that the industry adheres to the Safe Drinking Water Act and all other such vital laws *just as everyone must*.
- (6) **Seek truth and transparency:** [It's time our Nation comes to terms with the truth](#) and true costs of our energy production including fracked oil and gas. We should boycott two of the largest oil & gas producers, ExxonMobil and Chevron, until they embrace full disclosure of the chemicals used and apply best fracking practices.
- (5) **Pursue local, state & national standards of excellence for fracking:** ensure responsible fracking by [exercising self determination](#); [act more like Colorado](#) than New Mexico; call on the federal government to adopt smart safeguards (such as requiring BLM permits to FRAC, clean up bonds, earthquake prevention & water conservation).
- (4) **Compel jurisprudence:** as courts sort out the web of laws and rights involving oil & gas development and the undue impacts of fracking (on human health, safety, sovereignty and the environment), learn more about the extent of [fracking lawsuits in the pipeline](#) and [exercise your rights](#) to a cleaner future.
- (3) **Demand congressional oversight:** encourage your congressional delegation to enact the [Frac Act](#) and improve upon the Natural Gas Act while [voting](#) into office elected officials who will lead the new era of energy responsibility and deliver on oversight and accountability when it comes to America's fracking industry and energy future.
- (2) **Call on presidential leadership:** call the White House at 202-456-1111 to persuade the President to bring an end to crony capitalism and lead in its place "a new era of responsibility" (as stated in 2009 inauguration) with always American resourcefulness, conservation & renewable power and only cleaner near term fossil fuel development.
- (1) **Take Direct Action:** do your own research on fracking; [study the impacts](#) in your state; [collaborate](#) in our civil society; raise responsibility awareness; organize local direct action events; sign up for & share [LIFT THE FOG](#).

➔ **[Unless fracking is properly regulated and until the oil & gas industry genuinely adopts full-scale sustainable development measures, we call for a nationwide fracking moratorium.](#)**

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