



## *Keeping the Frack Out of Our Neighborhoods!*

*"The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all of the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people."*

-Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution

### **Why You are Receiving this Letter**

If you have received this letter, you are within or near the standard one-mile evacuation radius around the Krendale Marcellus Shale natural gas well pad site, approved by Butler Township in September and slated to be built near the intersection of Rte. 68 and N. Eberhart Road. In the event of an accident such as a storage tank fire, the standard evacuation radius is one mile; in the event of an explosion or gas well blowout, the standard evacuation radius is two miles.

### **What is Section 27 Alliance?**

Section 27 Alliance of Butler Township is a concerned citizens' group devoted to stopping residential drilling in Butler Twp. and making sure that the Butler Township Board of Commissioners enacts ordinances that:

1. benefit **all** township residents and
2. defend **all** residents' rights to clean air, pure water and a healthy environment.

Specifically, we are currently focused on stopping the dangerously located Krendale well pad via legal action.

### **What are the Actions?**

We have retained the services of a legal firm and are exploring legal options to help us achieve our goals. Our lawyers have counseled us that the township's drilling ordinance and the well pads which have been approved under that ordinance may well violate Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution. The only way to possibly stop the Krendale well pad, and also the Schaffner Road well pad near the Highfield neighborhood, is through legal action. Earlier this year a PA Common Pleas Court judge struck down a municipally-approved shale-gas well in a residential area of Lycoming County, so the legal precedent is there for success.

### **Issues with Drilling and Fracking**

Issues associated with shale-gas drilling range from fires and explosions at the well site to health concerns due to airborne toxins and carcinogens emitted by shale-gas operations. Krendale well pad is set to have 11 wells drilled, which will result in 24/7 noise, trucks running continually, bright stadium lights on a 140-ft.-high drilling rig, toxic fumes,

and flaring: a tall, bright-orange flame that sounds like a jet engine running for days at a time. All of which leads to decreased property values for nearby properties, the nearest of which is 550 ft. from the Krendale well pad.

### **How Important is this Issue to You?**

Think about how much you can afford to give to the legal fee fund. Every little bit helps. To date we have received donations ranging from \$10 to \$2,000 —enough to secure the initial phases of legal action. But much more is needed.

**Remember:** this legal action is the only thing standing in the way of the Krendale well pad being built!

### **Join the Fight**

We need assistance with organizing the residents of the township, educating them about these issues and getting them involved. And of course we need donations to our legal fee fund. If you have time and/or money to contribute, Section 27 Alliance of Butler Township needs your support! Help us see this action through to completion!

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