

COMMON SENSE

Policy Roundtable

FRACKING: FEAR VS. FACT

Did you know?

FEAR: *Fracking is making pollution worse*

FACT: *Natural gas is a far cleaner fuel source than other fossil fuels and as more of the natural gas generated from hydraulic fracturing is used, carbon emissions will decrease*

FEAR: *Fracking is a new technology that we don't understand*

FACT: *Hydraulic fracturing has been used since the 1940s and many energy industry experts have spent decades safely working with hydraulic fracturing*

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Sources

Lower Emissions and Less Pollution:

- In 2012 the U.S. had the lowest CO2 emissions since 1994 thanks to the increased use of natural gas from fracking ¹

- Natural gas is a far cleaner fuel source than other fossil fuels. As we use more of the natural gas generated from hydraulic fracturing our carbon emissions will continue to decrease ²

Proven Technology and Proven Results:

- Hydraulic fracturing has been used since the 1940s and is used by over 90% of all wells in existence today ³

- The hydraulic fracturing process has been used on more than 1.2 million oil and natural gas wells in the U.S. since 1947 ⁴

1 <http://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.cfm?id=10691>

2 <http://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.cfm?id=73&t=11>

3 http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw/uic/pdfs/cbmstudy_attach_uic_append_a_doe_whitepaper.pdf

4 <http://instituteeforenergyresearch.org/analysis/hydraulic-fracturing-is-it-safe/>