

LWVO Fracking-related Positions

Under LWVO:

NATURAL RESOURCES

Water – Supports stringent water quality standards & enforcement, with adequate state financing for abating water pollution.

Hazardous Materials & Waste – Siting of nuclear waste facilities should not occur where there has been O&G exploration/development. Generators, not neighbors, should pay for damage to water, etc.

Increased O&G production in Ohio threatens to increase water & air pollution as well as hazardous waste.

Land Use - Supports regional planning and environmental impact assessments. Land use topics of current interest to the LWVO include the increase of nutrient runoff contributing to algae growth in water and fracking, and the use of public lands for drilling for energy.

Action taken:

2001-2002, 1) Wrote Gov. Taft thanking him for not supporting drilling for oil & gas (O&G) under Lake Erie. 2) Wrote to Sen. Voinovich supporting amendment to Energy & Water Appropriations bill to protect Great Lakes from O&G drilling.

2009-2011, 1) Wrote to ODNR urging a moratorium & study on fracking in Ohio. 2) Testified vs. SB108, intended to create O&G leasing board and ability of board to lease state land for O&G production, but it passed.

2011-2013, Wrote to ODNR requesting no new permits for injection wells that would hold brine waste from fracking unless they are located far from sensitive sites of humans and faults, as such wells appear related to earthquakes.