



**MICHAEL P. HEIN
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY OF ULSTER**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1-2012

**Banning The Purchase And/Or Use Of Liquid Waste Product
From Hydraulic Fracturing Operations**

WHEREAS, as Ulster County Executive, I, Michael P. Hein, acknowledge the inherent dangers and potentially adverse environmental impacts present in the natural gas mining process known as hydraulic fracturing; and

WHEREAS, as Ulster County Executive, I, Michael P. Hein, am committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Ulster County by preventing all residents from having contact with hydrofracking waste fluid/brine; and

WHEREAS, the fluid used in the hydraulic fracturing process is an insidious mixture of chemicals, including known carcinogens; and

WHEREAS, the hydraulic fracturing process creates a liquid waste product known as hydrofracking waste fluid/brine which may contain the same dangerous mixture of chemicals as the production brine; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster does not use hydrofracking waste fluid/brine, including but not limited to, the byproduct of the process known as hydraulic fracturing in any matter whatsoever;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL P. HEIN, as County Executive of the County of Ulster, do hereby direct and order as follows:

1. No County department, agency or unit, including the Department of Public Works, shall solicit, procure or use, or cause to be solicited, procured or used on its behalf, any amount of hydrofracking waste fluid/brine.

2. No County-owned property, including highways and roads, shall be subject to the application of hydrofracking waste fluid/brine. This includes properties leased by the County to any municipality or entity, or any highways or roads that are maintained by any municipality under the County's shared services program.

3. For the purposes of this Executive Order, hydrofracking waste fluid/brine shall include, but not be limited to, the byproduct of the process known as hydraulic fracturing.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until otherwise superseded or revoked.

The County of Ulster
By:

Michael P. Hein
County Executive

Dated: April 12, 2012
Kingston, New York