

# WARNING

Gas Drill 12 Monitoring Boreholes At Misson, Nottinghamshire, 2016

**-GROUNDWATER-  
ONE STEP CLOSER TO FRACKING  
-MONITORING-**



## WHAT IS GROUNDWATER MONITORING?

The drilling of groundwater monitoring boreholes is often a precursor to fracking development. Groundwater monitoring can not prevent pollution and the drilling of monitoring boreholes themselves has the potential to disrupt aquifers and damage water quality. Data from the boreholes is gathered by fracking companies or bodies funded by the fracking industry. The frequency and type of monitoring is controlled by these vested interests and the data may not be made public. If baseline water quality is established, damage to water resources caused by fracking activity may be detected but any damage is likely to be irreparable. Monitoring is just one step closer to fracking.

## WHY IS GROUNDWATER MONITORING A THREAT?

Groundwater monitoring is a PR exercise invented by fracking companies to dispel concerns about water pollution and try to gain social acceptance for fracking in the UK. Groundwater monitoring is extremely expensive and will only be used as a "safety feature" while fracking companies are drilling exploration wells. If the industry is allowed to go into production costs will inevitably be cut and monitoring will not be a priority. The only way to ensure that there is no damage to water resources is to stop drilling and fracking in your area.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

Fracking companies want communities to think that fracking is safe. By getting organised and informed ahead of the drilling work, you and your neighbours can oppose planning applications and refuse access en masse making it harder for fracking companies to get what they want. The best defence against fracking is an organised community.



## TIME TO TAKE ACTION!!!

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