

Loyalsock/Clarence Moore Drilling – Public Comments Summary (updated 11/18/2015)

A total of **4,005** emails were received concerning Loyalsock/Clarence Moore Drilling. I have categorized them as follows:

Petition/Form Letters – 3,757 (94%)
Emails that were non-petition form – 248 (6%)

DCNR Surface Rights – 2 (1%)
Hydraulic Fracturing – 26 (10%)
General Concerns – 111 (45%)
Public Input – 66 (27%)
Questions – 7 (3%)
Undeliverable – 36 (14%)

A total of **86** personal/handwritten letters, opposing natural gas drilling and fracturing in the Loyalsock/Clarence Moore area, has also been received (*These are not represented in the numbers above*).

The following breakdown is for emails only:

GENERAL CONCERNS

45% of the non-form emails are general concerns for development in the state forests as a whole. This is due to various reasons such as impacts to recreation and wildlife, fragmentation of the forest from pads, pipelines, and new roads, potential to impact the fresh water supply, illegal or accidental dumping of toxic wastes or radioactive materials.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INPUT

27% of the non-form emails were directly targeting DCNR's unwillingness to involve or inform the public about development plans before they occurred.

Many of the "Public Input" emails were form letters voicing the frustration of the June 3rd meeting, being that it was too short notice, not enough time allocated for the meeting, no transcriber, and not enough information given. As a result, many emails were received requesting information to be released to the public.

The most requested information being:

Plans for relocating severed portions of the Old Loggers Path
Map of the roads which will be developed into highways for 18-wheelers
Map of the pipelines that have been proposed

The following are ranked as the next most requested information:

Details of DCNR's demand for \$22.3 million for access rights
The effect of the development on Rock Run (an Exceptional Value Stream) and
the headwater wetlands which feed it
A list of the threatened (rare and endangered) species present

There is also a perception that all public comments are added to "File 13" and that no human exists at the end of the email.

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

10% of the non-form emails were directly targeting hydraulic fracturing.

The main concern is the impact to the drinking water supply and pristine creeks and waterways used for recreation (fishing, kayaking), which would be a result from accidents and spills of toxic liquids/muds/gels.

DCNR SURFACE RIGHTS

1% of the non-form emails were directly targeting DCNR's access to surface rights, and the Commonwealth Court's 1989 decision. The public would like DCNR's position on surface access rights clarified.

QUESTIONS

3% of the non-form emails are questions specifically related to the information presented at the June 3, 2014 meeting.

UNDELIVERABLE

14% of the emails were deemed "Undeliverable" by the mail delivery system.