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Fracking, Is It Safe?

Should It Come To Maryland?

The debate over whether or not to bring natural gas fracking operations to Maryland is ready to explode. There are pros and cons to the fracking debate.

Bad: Reports from other states and environmental groups increasingly warn that fracking is an immediate threat to the environment and clean water supplies.

Good: Others see fracking as a cheap supply of natural gas to generate low-cost electricity and industrial power. It's also touted as a lucrative cash cow for farmers and other landowners.

But how does natural gas play into America's quest for energy independence? How does natural gas production affect climate change and water quality?

The public is invited to hear a debate on the fracking issue Oct. 15 during the monthly Severn River Association (SRA) meeting. We will hear exciting presentations from two experts in the raging fracking debate.

For the pro side: Drew Cobbs of the Maryland Petroleum Council, and

For the con side: Mike Tidwell, Director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network.

Forum: SRA meeting **Tuesday Oct 15th** at 7:00 PM. The meeting is free and open to the public as part of SRA's educational lecture series.

Note: This month's meeting will be **held at the Department of Natural Resources**, in the C-1 Conference Room (Lobby), 580 Taylor Avenue, in Annapolis.

Directions: <http://goo.gl/maps/r5C1M>



Visit SRA on Facebook:

The Severn River Association is the oldest river association in the U.S. and Anne Arundel County's only river group in continuous operation since 1911. SRA meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The meetings are free. Residents and representatives of community associations are encouraged to attend, get involved and make their opinions on watershed issues known.