

KLA Newsletter – December 2013

KLA Continues to Monitor Hydrofracking Activities

The Hydrofracking and Well Disposal Committee (H&WD) reiterated its position to Governor Cuomo that the Keuka Lake Watershed and a 4000 foot buffer must be exempted from High Volume Horizontal Fracturing for Natural Gas (HVHF) regardless of what decision is taken by the DEC for the rest of the State. The Finger Lakes Regional Watershed Alliance (FLRWA) maintains a similar position for the Finger Lakes Watersheds. The City of Rochester supports the FLRWA position for the Hemlock and Canadice lakes watershed as these two Finger Lakes are the sources of water for the City of Rochester.

The H&WD Committee is having discussions on what actions would be appropriate and should be taken if the NYS-DEC permits HVHF in the Keuka Lake Watershed. The H&WD Committee will be meeting more frequently to decide what specific legal and scientifically based actions are appropriate and what other organizations should the KLA consider collaboration.

The Seneca Lake Pure Water Association (SLWPA) has taken legal action against the New York State Department of Health (DOH) to obtain the information that the NYS-DOH has received from outside sources on the health effects related to HVHF. SLWPA will share this DOH information with the KLA.

The H&WD Committee will continue to monitor, respond and communicate HVHF activities and decisions over the winter months.