Big oil and gas companies are on a drilling rampage, using a dangerous method for extracting natural gas called fracking that poses a direct threat to our water and health. Big companies profit, but we’re paying. It’s time to Ban Fracking Now!

Fracking sends a mix of water and chemicals underground, creating cracks in rock formations and allowing gas to escape. Former Vice-President and Halliburton Exec Dick Cheney’s energy policy exempted fracking from regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

While big energy companies are not required to tell us what’s in the potentially toxic blend of chemicals they use, we do know:

- Some people who live near fracking sites can light their drinking water on fire and water contamination is rampant.

- Wastewater from fracking can contain radioactive elements and has been discharged into rivers that supply drinking water for millions, according to the New York Times.

- Even President Bush’s former EPA point person on water now admits fracking should never have been exempted from regulation.

We shouldn’t have to wonder whether our drinking water is polluted by some mysterious blend of toxic chemicals. It’s time to protect our water and Ban Fracking Now!

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Join the movement to Ban Fracking Now!

Join the movement to Ban Fracking Now! Take action in your community to protect your water and the water of millions of other Americans from fracking. Here’s what you can do:

1. Collect petitions urging congress to Ban Fracking Now! Go to www.foodandwaterwatch.org/fracking to download our petition.

2. Pass a local resolution in your community calling for a ban on fracking. Download our sample resolution and materials from our website and let us know when it passes.

3. Call your member of Congress. Tell them to support the FRAC act, which closes the Halliburton loophole for fracking in the Safe Drinking Water Act. Also tell them that while this is a good bill, it doesn’t go far enough. We need to Ban Fracking Now! You can call by going through the congressional switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

4. Get your friends and family involved in the campaign. Invite them over to watch the Academy Award nominated film Gasland and ask them to join you in taking action. Big Energy has lots of money. We need to organize in communities across the country to demand our elected officials protect our water and Ban Fracking Now!

For more information and to get involved, go to www.foodandwaterwatch.org/fracking