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The full fracking archive is here: <http://bit.ly/18V4ust>

Seventy-three fracking-related stories by Don Hohey in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*:

<http://bit.ly/1alb7aN>

Reuters series on Chesapeake Energy:

The Energy Billionaire's Shrouded Loans

<http://graphics.thomsonreuters.com/12/04/ChesapeakeMcClendon.pdf>

The CEO's Secret Hedge Fund

<http://graphics.thomsonreuters.com/12/05/ChesapeakeMcClendon.pdf>

Chesapeake's Deepest Well: Wall Street

http://graphics.thomsonreuters.com/12/05/Chesapeake_Wall_Street.pdf

The Lavish and Leveraged Life of Aubrey McClendon

<http://graphics.thomsonreuters.com/12/06/McClendon.pdf>

Energy Rivals Plotted to Suppress Land Prices

<http://graphics.thomsonreuters.com/12/06/ChesapeakeLand.pdf>

Casualties of Chesapeake's Land Grab

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/10/02/us-chesapeake-landgrab-substory-idUSBRE8910E920121002>

Chesapeake: Striking It Poor

<http://graphics.thomsonreuters.com/12/12/ChesapeakePoor.pdf>

Jeff Goodell's report on Chesapeake Energy in *Rolling Stone* (read the comment string, too!):

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/the-big-fracking-bubble-the-scam-behind-the-gas-boom-20120301>

Chesapeake Energy's response to the Goodell story:

http://www.chk.com/News/Articles/Pages/release_20120302.aspx

Goodell's response to the response:

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/blogs/national-affairs/rolling-stone-responds-to-chesapeake-energy-on-the-fracking-bubble-20120306>

Followups by Goodell, citing Reuters' work:

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/blogs/national-affairs/worlds-biggest-fracker-pockets-1-billion-in-shady-deal-20120418>

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/blogs/national-affairs/worlds-biggest-fracker-aubrey-mcclendon-should-walk-the-plank-20120424>

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/blogs/national-affairs/fracker-aubrey-mcclendon-booted-from-chesapeake-board-20120501>

Stories on the Park Foundation's support for anti-fracking efforts:

<http://bit.ly/1fh6V23>

Stories on Fracking-related political funding:

[North Carolina returns EPA grant for fracking study.](#) North Carolina's environment agency has taken the unusual step of returning a federal grant to study streams and wetlands that could be harmed by hydraulic fracturing for natural gas, leaving some wondering if the state is backing away from science. [Charlotte Observer](#), North Carolina. 25 September 2013.

[Fracking accusation angers Bronx state pols.](#) Thirteen Bronx politicians in the state Assembly and Senate received funds from pro-fracking organizations ranging from \$250 to \$54,495, according to a Common Cause report issued over the summer. [Brooklyn Bureau](#), New York. 17 September 2013.

[Fracking lobby helps fund GOP campaigns.](#) Oil and gas interests that successfully fought a fracking-tax increase pushed by Gov. John Kasich poured money into Republican legislative campaign coffers during the budget debate this year. [Ashtabula Star Beacon](#), Ohio. 2 August 2013.

Stories on Fracking-related science funding:

[Is Ohio State fracking-well plan drilling for research data, or cash?](#) Ohio State University researchers want to install and study a working oil and gas well on university land. The idea is similar to a University of Tennessee plan to study fracking on 8,600 acres the school owns. However, environmental advocates call the Tennessee project a thinly disguised effort to collect millions of dollars through a lucrative contract with drilling companies. [Columbus Dispatch](#), Ohio. 23 July 2013.

[Tennessee University's proposal for fracking research funded by gas profits raises ethics concerns.](#) The University of Tennessee wants to allow hydraulic fracturing to extract natural gas on a state-owned tract of rolling woodland, raising the hackles of environmentalists who question its stated goal of raising funds to research the environmental impact of such drilling. [Associated Press](#). 15 March 2013.

[Fracking debate ignores climate change, lack of research funding.](#) Why don't we know more about what fracking is doing to your health and your environment? The answer to that question is complicated, a group of scientists known for their studies of the impacts of the oil and gas industry's hydraulic fracturing said last week. [Fort Collins Coloradoan](#), Colorado. 25 October 2012.

[Pennsylvania charities: \\$19M for gas drilling research.](#) Citizens' groups and nonprofits around the nation are asking questions about environmental and health impacts of natural gas hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, and Pennsylvania charities are funding much of the debate, here and in other states. [Associated Press](#). 8 October 2012.

[CU-Boulder secures \\$12M National Science Foundation grant to research fracking.](#) A team of scientists led by the University of Colorado has received a \$12 million grant to explore ways to maximize the benefits of natural gas while curtailing negative impacts on ecosystems and surrounding communities, the university announced today. [Boulder Daily Camera](#), Colorado. 3 October 2012.

[At universities, fracking research funded by oil and gas companies.](#) Corporate funding of universities is nothing new. But the fracking boom has generated both mountains of cash and controversy. Meanwhile, many public universities are struggling financially. If taxpayers won't pay for research and training, then the industry will. [Texas Observer](#), Texas. 9 September 2012.

[Bloomberg donates \\$6 million to develop 'safe' fracking.](#) Bloomberg Philanthropies awarded a three-year, \$6 million grant to the Environmental Defense Fund Friday. The grant will be used to work on ways to minimize the environmental impacts of fracking, the process of fracturing shale rock with chemicals and water to release natural gas from below ground. [Epoch Times](#). 27 August 2012.

[Natural gas fracking industry may be paying off scientists.](#) Last week the University of Texas provost announced he would re-examine a report by a UT professor that said fracking was safe for groundwater after the revelation that the professor pocketed hundreds of thousands of dollars from a Texas natural gas developer. [Climate Desk](#). 30 July 2012.

[Industry-funded study: EPA wrong about fracking contamination.](#) An industry-funded review says there are problems with the Environmental Protection Agency's December draft study suggesting that groundwater contamination in Pavillion, Wyoming, is "consistent with" hydraulic fracturing. [Charleston State Journal](#), West Virginia. 17 May 2012.

[University of Texas-Environmental Defense Fund Shale Gas Study Unmasks Politics of Anti-Fracking Activist Cornell Scientists](#)

[Shale industry foresees benefits for region.](#) What can the Marcellus Shale natural gas boom bring to Southeastern Pennsylvania? Plenty, according to the gas industry, which Wednesday opened a Shale Insight conference that attracted 1,500 people, along with a dozen or so protesters, to the Convention Center. [Philadelphia Inquirer](#), Pennsylvania. 26 September 2013. [Registration Required]

[Fracking gives water authorities financial boost, study finds.](#) Public water suppliers are making money off of Marcellus shale fracking, but they're not getting rich: A group of water suppliers in Southwestern Pennsylvania earned anywhere from \$52,000 to \$1.4 million from selling fracking water to drillers in 2011, according to a university study. [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#), Pennsylvania. 26 September 2013.

Miscellaneous:

[Foundation's funds continue flow to fracking critics.](#) Since early 2012, an Ithaca-based philanthropic fund has poured over \$2 million into grants for groups who are opposed to or critical of hydraulic fracturing and unafraid to be vocal about it. And their grants appear to be having an impact. [Gannett News Service](#). 21 July 2013.

[Heinz Endowments fund drilling foes and backers.](#) In the fierce debates over the safety of fracking for natural gas, Pittsburgh's Heinz Endowments is giving both sides a chance to make their points. [Associated Press](#). 3 June 2013.

[Fracking boom threatens clean energy sector.](#) Could fracking, the controversial natural gas drilling process, come to New England? Geologists say the black shale beneath the Connecticut River Valley may hold enough of the clean-burning fossil fuel to make it economic to drill. [Boston WBUR Radio](#), Massachusetts. 3 April 2013.

[Exxon Mobil spent \\$2 million on pro-fracking ad campaign.](#) Oil giant Exxon Mobil Corp. spent \$2 million on a pro-drilling advertising campaign en route to becoming New York's second-highest spender on lobbying last year, according to a report Thursday from the state's ethics board. [Gannett News Service](#). 31 March 2013.

[O'Malley proposes funding fracking study.](#) Gov. Martin O'Malley has proposed funding the state's study of "fracking" for natural gas, ending a two-year legislative standoff over getting the industry to pay for it. O'Malley included \$1.5 million in his fiscal 2014 budget "to provide citizens, business leaders and policymakers the research and data they need. [Baltimore Sun](#), Maryland. 17 January 2013.

[Researchers aim to improve monitoring of fracking.](#) Scientists will be "listening in" to hydraulic fracturing as it happens as part of a \$1.86 million joint research project at the University of Calgary and University of Alberta. [Calgary Herald](#), Alberta. 9 November 2012.

[Son of pokies king funds anti-gas fight.](#) The Lock the Gate alliance between farmer and green groups opposing coal seam gas development was part-funded by Kjerulf Ainsworth, the son of billionaire pokies king Len. [Sydney Morning Herald](#), Australia. 22 October 2012. [Registration Required]

[Industry-funded study finds fracking safe for Los Angeles.](#) Fracking for oil in Los Angeles County poses no threat to the environment and doesn't add to the risk of earthquakes, according to a report funded by the owner of one of the largest urban oil fields in the U.S. [Business Week](#). 11 October 2012.

[Controversial fracking firm has multi-million community 'war chest.'](#) An Australian-Canadian consortium hoping to erect a network of gas 'fracking' drill sites, is putting in place a €2m-a-year community investment fund, leading to accusations that the firm is using the money as a 'divide-and-conquer' strategy to dampen opposition to the project. [Dublin Irish Independent](#), Ireland. 11 May 2012.

[How the Sierra Club took millions from the natural gas industry — and why it stopped.](#) Mainstream environmental groups have struggled to balance local concerns about traditional pollution with planet-sized worries over climate change, and how to work with corporate America without being seen as selling out. [Time Magazine](#). 3 February 2012.

[Sierra Club's explanation of the "Beyond Coal" controversy.](#)

[DEC: No funds to regulate fracking in Cuomo's budget.](#) If the state does look to add regulators to watch over the natural gas industry, it won't be part of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's initial budget proposal next year, according to the state's environmental agency. [Gannett News Service](#). 20 December 2011.

[Fracking boom seen raising U.S. incomes by \\$1,200 per household.](#) Surging oil and natural gas production bought on by hydraulic fracturing is lifting the U.S. economy by lowering energy costs for consumers and manufacturers, according an industry-funded report. But others argue that such figures fail to address the cost of health and environmental risks. [Business Week](#). 4 September 2013.