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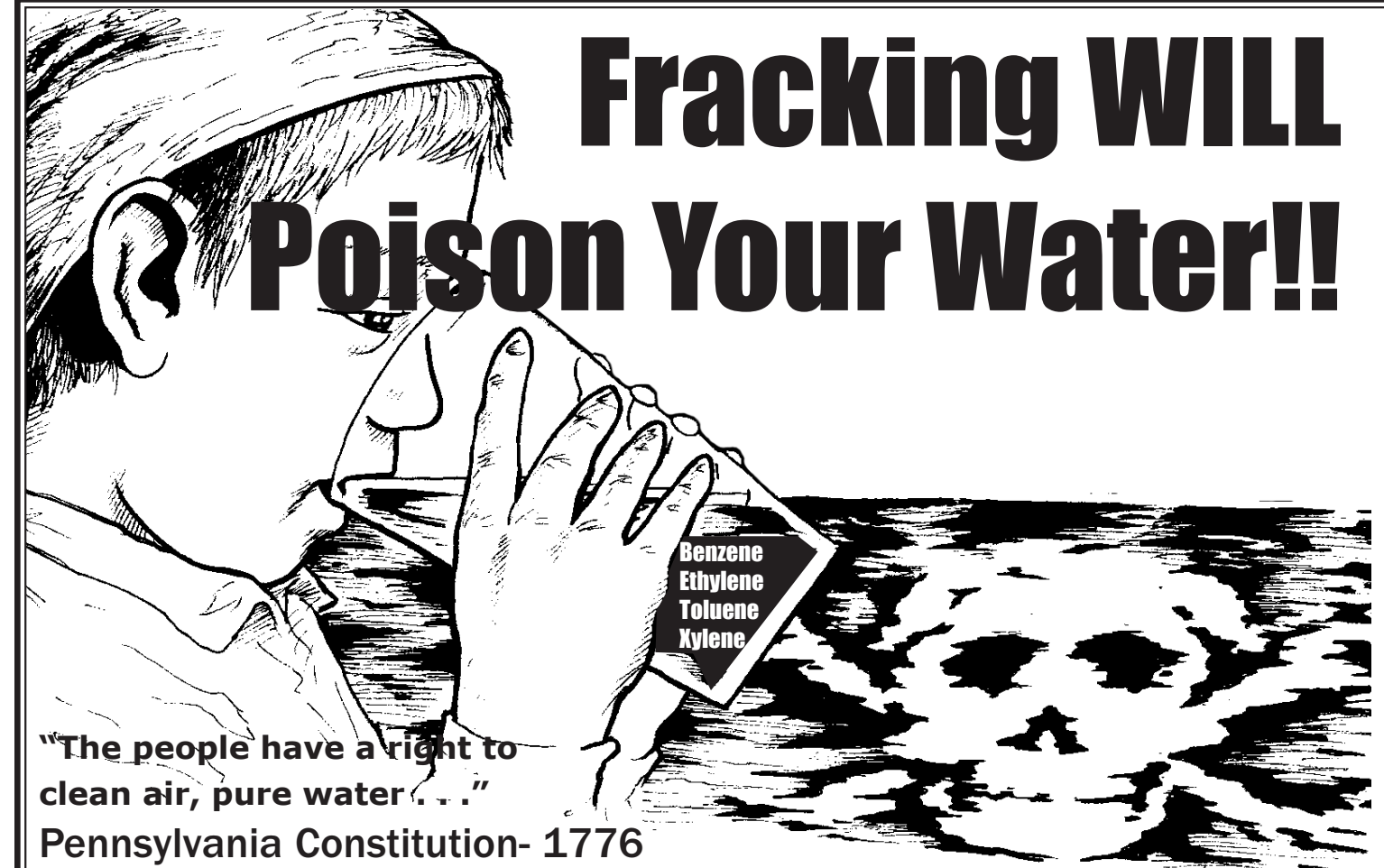
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MYTH: Diluting this "frack" water has little affect on water quality and health

FACT: This "flow back" water from the "fracking" process is contaminated with hundreds of chemicals, most are cancer causing. (DEP, O&G management MSDS)

MYTH: The chemicals used to 'frack' these wells are not harmful

FACT: 13 men that were stationed at Camp LeJeune, N.C. developed breast cancer years after drinking toxic water on the base. Many other people living there developed various other types of cancer. The SAME chemicals used in 'fracking' were present in the water on this base. This same chemically contaminated water is now being dumped in OUR rivers! (benzene, toluene, xylene, etc.)

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2010/10/29/102856/message-in-marines-calendar-breast.html>

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MYTH: Off-gassing and 'flaring', (a component of the Marcellus Shale drilling process) that emits volatile organic compounds into the air, will not pose health risks

FACT: In the Greater Pittsburgh region, the prevalence of asthma is about 25 percent higher than the national average, yet the use of emergency services by children with asthma is three to four times the national average, underscoring the seriousness of the disorder. Asthma has reached epidemic proportions and is linked to environmental triggers.

Pediatric Environmental Medicine Center Research, UPMC, Children's Hospital <http://www.chp.edu/CHP/PEMC+Research>

MYTH: Exposing the inherent risks in this type of drilling will drive away jobs, and economic growth for Pennsylvania

FACT: Costs related to health impacts resulting from contaminated air and water and environmental cleanup will far outweigh any benefits from this industry. Fort Worth Texas is 77 million dollars in debt today, despite thousands of wells drilled there since 2005. (NBCDFW.com)

MYTH: Marcellus shale drilling operations and leases signed for drilling do not affect property values

FACT: Banks are not lending against frac-drilled and adjoining properties. A property with a gas or oil lease is not eligible for FHA financing, indicating that the federal government is concerned about property devaluation and consequent loss of their money (HUD handbook 4150.2 pg. 2.7)

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, property owners who lease their land for Marcellus Shale drilling may find that they have nullified their mine subsidence insurance coverage.

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