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**STATEMENT ON THE RELEASE OF
THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL GENERIC
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SGEIS) ON FRACKING**
Findings Statement Must Choose “No Action Alternative”

"We applaud the Governor, Department of Environmental Conservation, and Department of Health for courageously laying the groundwork to ban fracking in New York. While we continue to review the final SGEIS, our eyes are on DEC Commissioner Martens as he prepares the legally binding Findings Statement.

Over several years and in 260,000 comments, New Yorkers have spoken and the message has been clear: We don't want our children living, playing, or going to school near frack sites.

The DEC's Findings Statement must effectively ban fracking by implementing the 'No Action Alternative' to deny fracking permits.¹ We believe this action will firmly put New Yorkers' health and the environment ahead of dangerously and demonstrably false gas and oil industry claims.

New York must now close this chapter and open a new one that is powered by renewable energy and prioritizes efficiency. Avoiding the disastrous consequences that fracking would have brought allows New York to focus on reversing climate change and investing in an economy and future driven by clean, renewable energy," said Rebecca J. Weber, NYPIRG Executive Director.

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¹ New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Final Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement, Chapter 9, Alternative Actions, Page 9-1, http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/fsgeis2015ch9.pdf, last accessed May 17, 2015.