



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF COLORADO

September 2012

Dear Leaguers,

At the 2011 LWVCO convention, the delegates voted to have a study on Hydraulic Fracturing. A committee was formed and work began in the summer of 2011. We started with 27 people from around the state and met via conference call. After assessing other state leagues studies on hydrofracturing, it was decided that LWVCO would do a study rather than a concurrence as we wanted to address coal bed methane and water quantity issues, not covered in other leagues' studies.

We also decided to use study questions from other leagues to help us in developing material needed for our study. After gathering much information, we focused the study on the process in Colorado for permitting and oversight of oil and gas development, public participation in this process and the environmental impacts of the process.

We have compiled study material for each league, a glossary of terms, a web link appendix and a list of chemicals used in hydrofracking procedures.

We urge each league to go on the COGCC web site to find out how many wells are in your area (county) , call local government officials and find out who is the Local Government Designee (they interface with the COGCCF during the permitting process) and any other activities that are going on in your community. There may be proposed ordinances or moratoria that you may want to report on for your unit meetings.

Please be cognizant that this is a continually evolving issue and that the material we have provided is as current as possible.

TIME LINE: Unit meetings 10/12 – 1/20/13

Local Board approval – by 2/13/13

To LWVCO office -- by 2/15/13 (Mail to LWVCO office, 1410 Grant St, B204, Denver, 80203)

LWVCO Board approval – 3/13/13

LWVCO Convention – 5/11/13

Thank you,

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