

# You are invited to attend a Technology Symposium on **Hydraulic Fracturing (“Fracking”)** in the South Coast Air Basin

This event will take a closer look at the process of hydraulic fracturing, commonly referred to as “fracking”, which is an oil and gas production process that pumps water into the earth to release oil and natural gas locked in the rock underground.

With the recent increase in the development of horizontal shale gas wells in various parts of the country, fracking has become the focus of significant attention. Congress and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are currently examining whether the practice poses risks to public health or safety such as by the possible contamination of surface or groundwater.

According to the California Department of Conservation’s Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), fracking has been used in California for over 30 years.

Since some have questioned the impact of the fracking process on air quality, the South Coast Air Quality Management District is hosting this technology symposium in order provide a better understanding of the process itself, the environmental questions it poses, and current efforts to address its impacts.

## Topics will include:

- An overview of the Hydraulic Fracturing Process
- The Environmental Issues Related to Hydraulic Fracturing (Water Quality, Air Quality, Public Health and Seismic Impacts)
- An Overview of Current Activities to Address and to Better Understand Its Impacts
- A Roundtable discussion to explore recommendations

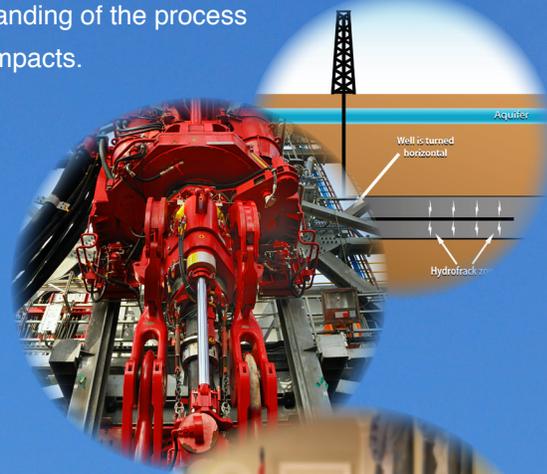
**Where:** South Coast Air Quality Management District Headquarters  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, California 91765

**When:** September 18, 2012  
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Attendance is Free. Pre-registration is recommended.**

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