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HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

As high-volume hydraulic fracturing (also known as hydrofracking) opens up the potential to tap into vast natural gas resources from the Marcellus Shale and other formations, public and private entities are discovering a wealth of business opportunities — as well as a host of new legal and regulatory challenges.

But these challenges aren't new for Goldberg Segalla — and when they arise, we are ready and well positioned to help.

Our attorneys are experienced in all types of regulatory, environmental, commercial, and liability-related issues that may impact municipalities, insurers, oil and gas companies, construction contractors and subcontractors, transportation companies, wastewater treatment companies, chemical and product manufacturers, or others in connection with hydrofracking operations.

With our strong presence in New York and Pennsylvania and our extensive, nationwide reach, we frequently advise and represent clients in these sectors on matters involving:

- Commercial agreements
- Contractual and regulatory obligations
- Environmental, mass tort, and toxic tort claims, including claims of adverse environmental impact, exposure to radioactivity, drinking water contamination, and fear of contracting cancer (medical monitoring claims)
- Insurance coverage analysis and dispute resolution
- Land use, zoning, and preemption issues
- Property damage, product liability, design defect, business interruption, personal injury, and negligence claims
- Property rights and leasing disputes
- Worksite injury and workers' compensation claims

Our team is also experienced in representing our clients' interests before agencies such as the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and we have handled cases involving relevant regulations such as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Clean Water Act.

Our hydrofracking team mobilizes the extensive capabilities of a number of Goldberg Segalla practice groups, including:

- Business and Commercial
- Construction
- Environmental and Complex Torts Coverage
- Product Liability
- Toxic Tort and Environmental
- Transportation
- Workers' Compensation
- Zoning and Land Use

Drawing from this breadth of experience, we can provide proactive advice to help clients manage the risks associated with this potential new era of domestic energy exploration and production, as well as guide them through complex municipal and regulatory issues or protect their interests in the event of a dispute, accident, or claim.

Please contact Andrew J. Scholz for more information.

For the latest news on legal developments arising out of hydrofracking, as well as related commercial or litigation issues, please visit our *Shale Watch* blog.