

conscience, and although natural-gas isn't 100% environmentally friendly, being that it is a fossil fuel, it's still a lot better and cleaner than coal or oil. Obligations to the environment are what make those in the natural-gas industry commit to working towards improving water and air quality, and reducing any harmful effects their practice may have on the environment. If congress passed the FRAC Act, the natural-gas industry would be obligated to find different, cleaner ways to continue their practice.

If congress didn't pass the FRAC Act, then the Fracking industry would be able to continue without any repercussions or limits, allowing the industry to grow and provide countless American jobs and produce a domestic energy supply of Natural-gas, reducing the U.S. Dependency on foreign energy. The ideal consequence would be to improve our economy, the intention of fracking is to produce a cleaner-burning alternative energy source and transition away from oil while also creating many jobs within the field (Energy Tomorrow). However, an unintended consequence could be that the industry does in fact grow, but does not become more environmentally conscience, resulting in terrible water and air quality due to excessive pollution. Then because of this, water supplies are drastically lower than they used to be, and the U.S. Is now in a clean water crisis. Another unintended consequence could be that like oil, when supplies start to run thin, prices rise, and we have to look elsewhere for natural-gas like other countries for example. Natural-gas deposits are thought to last for around 100 years, but we can't be sure that these resources won't be depleted faster due to increased consumption of resources (Shale Gas). Natural-gas seems destined to have the same fate as the oil industry, but the consequences of passing the FRAC Act wouldn't be seen to their fullest until many years after natural-gas use becomes widespread.