

Governor Quinn Statement on New Fracking Regulation Proposal

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SPRINGFIELD – February 21, 2013. Governor Pat Quinn released the below statement following today’s introduction of House Bill 2615 to create a regulatory framework for hydraulic fracking. The governor directed members of his cabinet to help negotiate the bill to ensure the strongest environmental protections possible.

“Today’s proposal is good news for Southern Illinois and our entire state’s economy. This legislation has the potential to bring thousands of jobs to Southern Illinois, while also ensuring that Illinois has the nation’s strongest environmental protections.

“I am committed to creating jobs and economic growth in every part of Illinois, and always making sure our water and natural resources are protected for future generations.

“I want to thank everyone who’s been working hard in good faith on this issue. While there is more work to be done, this proposal moves us forward.”

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