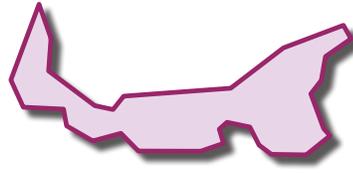




Prince Edward Island

The province’s Department of Finance, Energy and Municipal Affairs regulates fracking in the province. As of November 2013, there are currently no fracking operations. However, some experts believe there is a potential of 7.6 trillion cubic feet of coal bed methane in the ground on P.E.I., meaning up to 40 per cent of the province could be exposed to fracking.

The process for issuing exploration rights in the province starts with a company petitioning the Minister of Energy. There is a competitive bidding process that can result in the Minister giving a permit for six years, with an extension period of up to two years. Once the permit is approved, the government has no control over what process of exploration or drilling (including fracking) the company uses. The company also needs agreement from the landowner.



There were a number of exploration permits for natural gas that expired in December 2012, and right now there are no active permits on the

island. Companies that had permits included Corridor Resources Inc. and PetroWorth Resources. An exploratory fracked well near Green Gables in 2007²⁵ – one of six wells that have been fracked in the province – resulted in a broken pipeline in 2007. While the spill of radioactive material was small, it underscores the pipeline safety risks of fracking.

Residents in the province have joined together to form a diverse coalition under the banner “Don’t Frack PEI.” The coalition highlights the serious risks fracking poses to groundwater in the island province. Coalition members are engaging in a series of public meetings to raise awareness and build support for a province-wide ban on fracking. In response to a questionnaire sent to PEI’s Minister of Energy, the P.E.I. government promised to conduct public consultations if land is leased for exploration purposes. In November 2013, the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Energy recommended a moratorium on high-volume hydraulic fracturing in the province.

25 www.corridor.ca/oil-gas-exploration/prince-edward-island.html

GROUPS WORKING ON FRACKING

The Council of Canadians Atlantic Regional Office
www.canadians.org/fracking

Don’t Frack PEI
www.dontfrackpei.com

PEI Against Fracking
facebook.com/groups/224894730870301

Sierra Club Atlantic
atlantic.sierraclub.ca

RESOURCES AND REGULATIONS

Department of Finance Energy and Municipal Affairs
www.gov.pe.ca/energy/index.php?number=1029909&lang=E

Department of Environment, Labour and Justice - Issues water approvals
www.gov.pe.ca/environment/index.php?number=78023&lang=E



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