


THE PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY

THE FRACKING BOOM HAS FUELED AN EXPANSION OF PLASTIC PRODUCTION AND CREATED A FLOOD OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS.

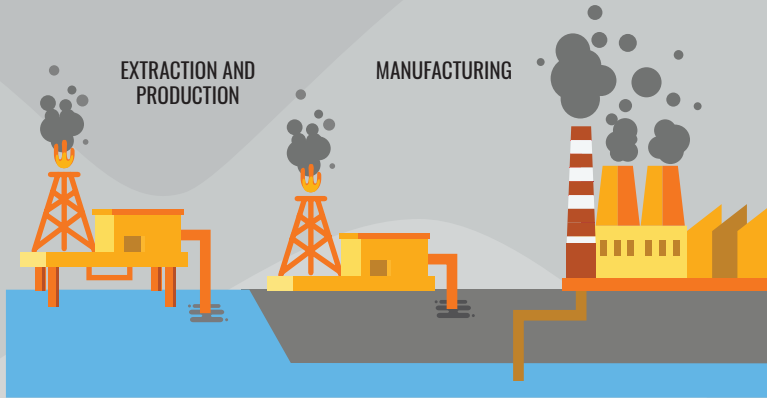
99% of plastic is made from fossil fuels. Many of these fossil fuels were “fracked” – meaning the oil and gas were forced out of the ground by injecting high-pressure liquid, which creates harmful environmental and health impacts.

While our communities are working to reduce plastics and adopt renewable energy, the petrochemical industry is spending over \$200 billion on more than 300 different plastics projects across the U.S.



Most plastic is currently produced in Texas and Louisiana. The industry wants to expand this even more along the Gulf Coast.

The industry also wants to open a second petrochemical hub in Appalachia and the Ohio River Valley.



WHY FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES MAKE PLASTIC

- 1 For a long time, companies were able to frack cheaply.
- 2 As demand for oil and gas keeps going down, that model is no longer profitable.
- 3 So now, the fossil fuel companies are focused on refining the oil and gas into naphtha and petrochemicals used to make more plastic.

TURNING FRACKED GAS INTO PLASTIC POLLUTES OUR AIR AND WATER, AND HARMS FRONTLINE AND FENCELINE COMMUNITIES.

Most plastics facilities are located in low-income areas and communities of color, where they cause serious health problems.

-  DEATH
-  CANCER
-  LIVER AND KIDNEY PROBLEMS
-  ACUTE RESPIRATORY IMPACTS
-  HORMONE DISRUPTION
-  REPRODUCTIVE ISSUES
-  DIZZINESS
-  CHRONIC HEADACHES
-  FATIGUE
-  EYE IRRITATION

THE CORPORATIONS BEHIND THE PLASTIC POLLUTION CRISIS ARE THE SAME ONES FUELING THE CLIMATE CRISIS.

- 1 Plastic contributes to climate change at every step of its lifecycle, from extraction to waste management.
- 2 The companies making plastic spend millions of dollars each year lobbying to control our local and state policy, suppressing the agency and popular will of the people.
- 3 The industry's push to expand plastic production is one more reason to keep fossil fuels in the ground.

#breakfreefromplastic

WE ENVISION A FUTURE FREE FROM PLASTIC POLLUTION, GROUNDED IN OUR SHARED VALUES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE!

