



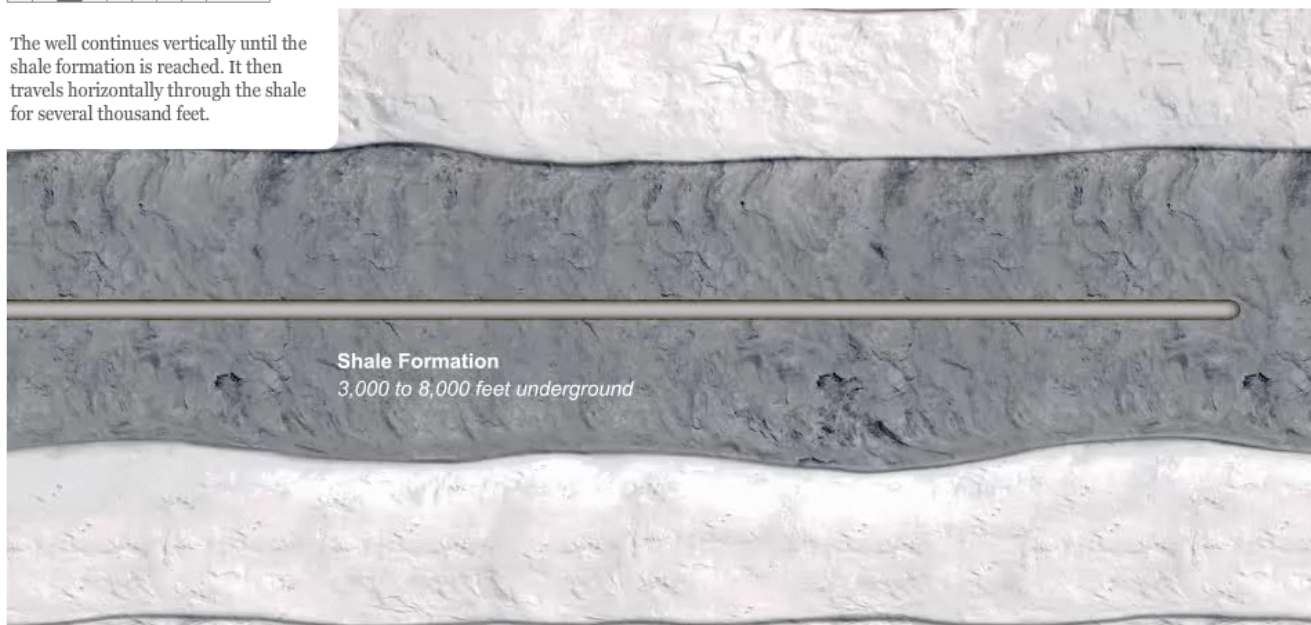
Published: February 26, 2011

Extracting Natural Gas From Rock

A look at the process and hazards of hydraulic fracturing.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 NEXT ▶

The well continues vertically until the shale formation is reached. It then travels horizontally through the shale for several thousand feet.



GRAHAM ROBERTS, MIKA GRÖNDAHL and BILL MARSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES | [Send Feedback](#)

Sources: Dr. Anthony R. Ingraffea, Cornell University; gas industry publications

RECOMMEND

TWITTER

SIGN IN TO E-MAIL

SHARE

Related Links

[Regulation Lax as Gas Wells' Tainted Water Hits Rivers](#)