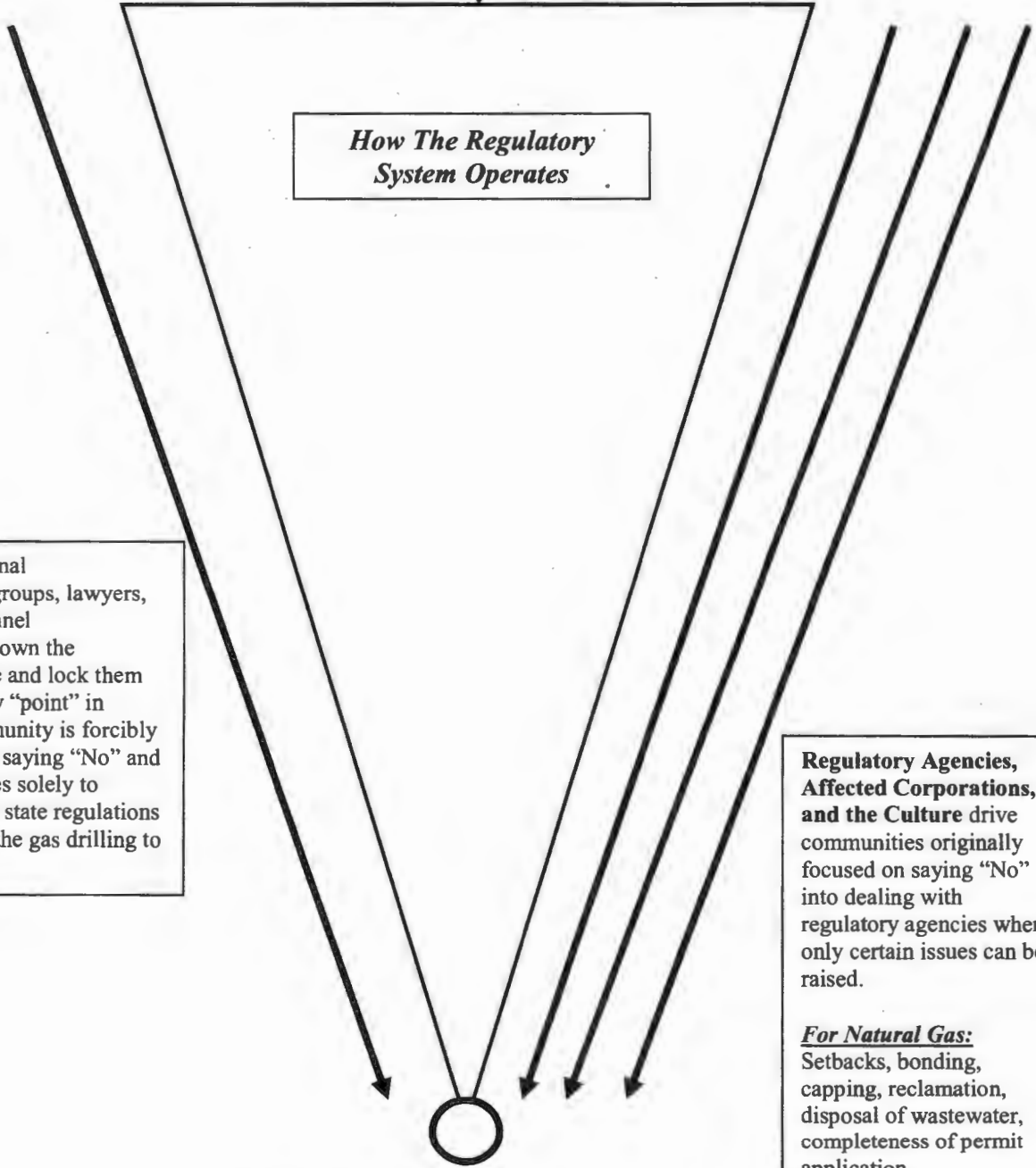


Municipal Community Defines the "Problem" – Natural gas extraction and fracking cause water pollution, methane release, noise, privatization of gas resource, massive use of groundwater, toxics in the environment, loss of local self-determination, explosions.

Community Defines the Problem as a Broad, Complex Problem – "Corporatization of Resources"



How The Regulatory System Operates

"Us" – Traditional environmental groups, lawyers, and activists funnel municipalities down the regulatory chute and lock them into a regulatory "point" in which the community is forcibly prohibited from saying "No" and instead, struggles solely to enforce existing state regulations while allowing the gas drilling to occur.

Regulatory Agencies, Affected Corporations, and the Culture drive communities originally focused on saying "No" into dealing with regulatory agencies where only certain issues can be raised.

For Natural Gas: Setbacks, bonding, capping, reclamation, disposal of wastewater, completeness of permit application.

Single Regulatory Point: The Oil and Gas Act and its implementing regulations, which regulate gas extraction by requiring setbacks from properties and waterways, capping and reclamation, while regulating noise and pollutant emissions, and other aspects of siting and operation.