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Germany's crackdown on hydraulic fracturing seeks to tread a fine line between environmental objectives and advancing scientific knowledge, but the way it is being enforced risks shutting the door to understanding future energy sources that could be of strategic significance.

State governments must approve test drilling permits, giving the final say to local officials – who tend to be more keenly attuned to local sentiment.



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