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I would like to address the EPA to stop the Sammy-Mar LLC injection well to be installed in the Bark Camp area of Penfield Pa, 15849 located in Clearfield County. There needs to be more studies both environmentally and economically before we issue these permits. The EPA is supposed to protect the people not make regulations that favor big industry. Here are some concerns that I have.

The EPA says it does not require specific consideration of seismicity in class II permit, even though they have been known to trigger seismicity. The EPA acknowledges there are faults near the Sammy-MAR injection well. The EPA recognizes that there is strong evidence that supports that underground injection of fluids as being the trigger that led to seismic events. How can there be several documented cases in the U.S. about this and yet the EPA will not enforce rules to protect the public. This is factual and the EAB should at its discretion review, this refers to question 8 from the EPA answers.

The EPA says the company is responsible for self-reporting and the EPA expects all operators to comply with the regulatory requirements as well as their permit requirements. Sammy-MAR is a Limited Liability Corporation, and will not have any money to pay fines or fix anything that goes wrong. As we all know, when you inject stuff into the ground, it WILL come out somewhere. Who will pay for the replacement of drinking wells? Why do current land owners with wells have to pay to get their water tested to prove that this ruined their water? The company should have to pay for every one's wells within 2 miles, so it is documented. This is in reference to questions 19, 20 & 21. The EAB should at its discretion review.

The EPA never gave a complete answer to some questions I asked, they just say it's not in their jurisdiction. Who is going to fund the local emergency services

for the additional calls they have due to the increased traffic and hazardous materials being hauled in? You are also going to have a negative effect on the local economy as well as property values. Hunters who travel in to hunt in this area will NOT come with this kind of activity going on.

Several other points I have. This well is within 1 mile of the head waters of Anderson Creek, which feeds the City of DuBois reservoir. Also DEP has done 2 very expensive mine cleanup projects in the last 15 years. One project is within ½ mile the other is about 4 miles away. Both projects helped clean up tributaries to The Bennett's Branch of The Susquehanna. This project will eventually pollute these areas again. Why take this risk? This area has been recently designated by the state as Pennsylvania Wilds. We have a large ELK heard that has moved into this area, this area needs to stay natural!

Since the EPA approved this, I hope the EAB will do the right thing and not let a company ruin an area.

Thank You!

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