

To: SAB@EPA

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Subject: Hydraulic Fracturing and the Marcellus Shale

I am writing you to voice my concern about the damage that Hydraulic Fracturing has on the environment in western Pennsylvania. Hydraulic Fracturing is extremely harmful to the environment, and everyone who lives in that environment. As you probably know, Mining communities in this region are some of the least healthy societies of anywhere in the United States, and current practices are only going to make them less healthy. The fracturing leads to water pollution, and people's homes on the land with wells face a terrible choice. Either sell their house, hook it up to city water, or simply drink the polluted water. With the first two options being cost preventative, many times people are forced to drink the polluted water, and endanger their health. I hope you will reconsider your practice of not checking this water for pollution.

Thanks Again

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