

Mr. Edward Hanlon  
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Dear Mr. Hanlon:

I request that you include me as a stakeholder in the study of the "Potential Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing on Drinking Water Resources." I am a stakeholder because of my (or a family member's) association with Texas and/or the industry in one or more of the following ways:

- \* As a landowner with oil and natural gas mineral rights in Texas
- \* As an employee of an oil or natural gas exploration or production firm
- \* As a shareholder with a financial interest in an oil or natural gas exploration or production company; and/or
- \* As an owner of real estate in Texas

Future rules and regulations recommended by the advisory committee, if accepted by the EPA, could negatively impact the oil and natural gas industry in Texas. Regulatory action that fails to consider the economic effects of stopping or reducing hydraulic fracturing would jeopardize employment in that industry, reduce the value of my investments, and/or raise my property taxes since Texas (and many other states) currently receives significant severance taxes from oil and natural gas production.

As a stakeholder, I request that you consider these issues, and keep me updated on all future meetings and releases of any and all further reports or regulations of any kind considered and/or drafted by the advisory committee.

Signed,

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P.S. Various types of oil and gas well fracturing have been done safely for more than 50 years, under the Texas regulatory framework. A lot of people grew up with oil/gas wells in their front lawns and schoolyards. Oil, gas, and water wells, were all coexisting together. The new fracturing technologies can really boost America's short and intermediate term domestic energy supply and economy. Generally when there have been problems in other states, it was caused by casing problems with the affected water wells.