

To: SAB@EPA

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Subject: SAB's Hydraulic Fracturing Study Plan - Public Comment

Dear Science Advisory Board,

As a student in an AP environmental course, I have been studying the topic of hydraulic fracturing or "fracking," and I have found it to be quite a concern. After reading numerous articles and informative literature on the topic, I have composed my own set of issues that I believe should be inspected during the SAB's study on the matter.

I first believe a regulation should be set requiring companies to retest their flowback after the fracking process is completed so that this flowback can be effectively observed and confirmed that it is or is not being safely dealt with at water treatment plants. Drinking water supplies should also be tested to ensure that discharged flowback is not affecting the stability and safety of this water. These few simple regulations could ultimately increase the safety of our country and prevent unclean or even toxic water from reaching the homes of the American people.

Thank You for your consideration,

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