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Attn: Mr. Edward Hanlon
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Dear Mr. Hanlon:

We have a simple request that the science advisory board study the extensive cumulative environmental impact of unconventional drilling for natural gas in the shales. It is important for the welfare of our citizens to know how this drilling process affects the health of our residents and animals, the agriculture, the air, the water both drinking and other bodies of water including the aquifers, the watersheds, the air pollution including the effects of methane gases, and the results of spillage of chemicals, heavy metals, any radioactive material, produced fluids. We must know if any toxins are draining into the earth and the aquifers underneath. Moreover, tracers of drilling fluid should be required so if any contamination occurs the source can be identified.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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