

To: SAB@EPA
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Subject: Hydraulic Fracking study plan

Scientific Advisory Board,

I am writing this comment in reaction to my reading of the EPA's Draft Hydraulic Study Plan. I support the idea of Hydraulic fracturing, however, I believe that much study is needed to better understand and identify the environmental and health impacts to the people and environment around the Marcellus Shale and other natural gas reservoirs. I believe that fracking is a valid way to wane the United States off foreign oil supplies. This prevents possible national crisis due to our dependency on unstable nation's oils. I also think that HF would create much needed domestic jobs.

Needless to say, before we can trust the process of HF, we need to obtain data and results on the impacts it causes. I believe that through studies we will find that proper water treatment facilities to deal with the amounts of radioactive and corrosive salt levels of wastewater are needed.

While you review the HF study plan, I think it would be worthwhile to brainstorm on possible waste treatments that would bring down the levels of radioactive material which is sometimes hundreds or even thousands of times higher than public regulations.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment, and I hope you take your time to plan out such an important research process.

I appreciate your efforts,
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