

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. My doctorate degree is in geology from the University of Wisconsin in 1955. Following a short 7-years in the academic world and a Fulbright Professorship at the University of Karachi, I joined Mobil Oil Corporation working in the industry as a finder of oil, researcher and finally ending my career 27 years later in top management of Mobil's exploration and producing business.

In my 25 years in retirement I have managed my own retirement plan taking the option of a lump sum from Mobil at that time. During these years I have been active as a private individual in direct ownership of drilling for oil or gas in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. During those years I invested in more than 50 wells with my ownership stake varying between 6% and 34%. Many of these wells were fracture stimulated to allow production of oil or gas in commercial quantities. None of these resulted in any damage to any water supply.

I believe I not only qualify as a stakeholder, but as a stakeholder with professional expertise in the industry I believe my judgment that the proposed action is scientifically inappropriate, technically unjustifiable and economically burdensome for the consumer who would ultimately pay the price of this increase in regulatory burden of an industry which is already heavily regulated by local, state and national government is relevant.