

To whom it may concern,

My name is David Craig Dean. I live at 17143 Hare Creek Road in Corry, PA, 16407.

For the past five years, I have met with families across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who have had their water wells contaminated and who have lost farm animals and have had their health impacted following unconventional high volume slick water drilling, hydrofracing, flaring and the associated building of infrastructure such as well pads, compressor stations, and pipelines.

I have personally met and spoken with Mr. and Mrs. David Headley and Mr. Joe Bezjak of Fayette County, Mr. Ken Duffala and Mr. Ken Gayman of the Harry Enstrom Chapter of the Isaak Walton League, Mr. Ron Gulla of Washington County, Mr. George Nicklosevich and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dubrasky and Mr. and Mrs. Don and Jackie Adams of Lawrence County, Mrs. Carol French and Mrs. Carolyn Knapp of Bradford County, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex and Maryanne Stein of Mercer County.

All of these citizens have had experienced first hand the detriments of unconventional drilling and infrastructure. The Headleys are in a lawsuit regarding the livability of their home and the use of their property after drilling and a pipeline was placed. Their animals and they have experienced health problems, including their two children.

Mr. Bezjak is in a lawsuit due to impacts on his farm after contamination to soils and a nearby stream from a pipeline company, with the evidence bulldozed over.

Mr. Gulla is in a lawsuit due to impacts to a farm pond, and property he once owned which was obtained by the drilling company he leased to.

Mr. Nicklosevich leased and has had methane migration, ethane, propane, and butane in his water well, according to an independent test from a state licensed hydrogeologic water company which he paid for. A local physician has recommended he not drink any longer from his water well or bladder cancer could result. He has attempted to receive help from the PA Department of Environmental Protection many times and he has contacted the drilling company to work out compensation for his losses to no avail.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dubrasky lost sleep in their home due to the constant truck traffic and flaring that took place on the well pad across the road from their home. They have again called and attended a meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection. They are experiencing changes to their water well never experienced before, yet the DEP has stated it is not due to drilling. Their son was in a work accident and had his pelvis crushed. He is recuperating in a hospital bed in his parents home right now with much time needed for healing. The PA Dep just gave a permit to the driller to drill again just twentysome feet from his property line, a first in Pennsylvania. The ongoing investigation into his water well conditions and the need for his injured son to have time to heal is being ignored.

Mr. and Mrs Adams home has been ruined due to the constant noise from a compressor station near their home that rattles the windows in their house. They have appealed to the company for a structure to enclose it to no avail.

Mrs. Carol French has experienced impacts to the dairy cattle on her farm including aborted calves, impacts to her own health, and her daughter's health.

Maryanne Stein has experienced the loss of four alpacas, two dogs, and one horse in 16 months in 2014 to 2015. She also experienced effects upon her home such as the eating away of stain from her deck, cracks in her basement walls, and also impacts upon her own health such as nausea and dizziness. Rex and Maryanne's water well was impacted as Mr. Stein became ill and vomited twice after drinking coffee made with water from their water well , and their granddaughter developed a methane rash after bathing in their water well in their tub. They have since moved away and have a double mortgage. Mrs. Stein's many attempts to file a complaint with the DEP were met with silence, stonewalling. Recently, a phone call she finally received from the DEP only after a meeting I arranged with my own Representative, Curt Sonney ended with the DEP official laughing at her loss of animals.

This loss of animals is a harbinger for medical issues such as cancers which will take place, especially in children, as time passes and contamination increases. There are more than enough medical studies highlighting this.

The finding of the EPA that water contamination is not widespread is politically influenced and flawed and is without necessary rigorous scientific study to support such a finding.

There are multiple reports by citizens of water changes and contamination across the Commonwealth, and these continue.

The answer is not to have industry representatives call these residents names or radical environmentalists. It is not to make the claim regarding energy independence or jobs or what is best for the community. It is to allow independent rigorous testing of these water sources now by independent agencies not influenced or controlled by energy companies.

As a citizen, and as a father, I ask that you demand the EPA remand its findings and return to testing that includes Dimock, Pavillion, Parker County, Texas, and Hickory, and Daisytown in Washington County, Fayette County locations, Pulaski Township in Lawrence County and Mercer County , PA

Thank You,
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