

**EPA Science Advisory Board  
Hydraulic Fracturing Research Advisory Panel  
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Oral Statement of Kimberlie McEvoy**

My name is Kimberlie McEvoy. I lived in Connoquenessing Butler Pa in 2011. My neighbors and I noticed a change in our water. Out of 143 people, 56 noticed changes in the water after drilling occurred, and that was the only thing in our environment that changed was the introduction of Marcellus Shale Drilling. My water went from crystal clear to gray then to black. We could no longer bathe in our water or drink it. If I tried to bathe in it, I would become light-headed and feel as though I could pass out. Peter, my boyfriend, complained about headaches, pain in his legs, and sinus. I bathed my 3-year-old daughter in store-bought water I heated on the stove in a large canning pot. I contacted the gas company; they gave me a water buffalo. A few days later, the DEP came to test my water after I contacted the local news. The DEP had to remove my water well pump from the water buffalo and reinstall it into my well; this took all day. It was found that I had arsenic in my water. The gas company told me I had water problems because the leaves on my trees made my water black. I had those trees for 12 years; never had a problem. The gas company took my water buffalo away, so for 192 days we hauled water from work to flush toilets and wash hands, do dishes, 30 gallons a day. We also bought basic needs: paper plates, plastic silverware, baby wipes. I also walked about a mile in the snow with my daughter to do laundry at a friend's hunting cabin. I contacted the EPA about the water and the blue haze that loomed in the air in the valley, even though nobody came to talk with me or did any testing. I received a letter saying my water and air were safe. I lost my home; in the end, it foreclosed. I worked really hard for a piece of the American dream. Peter, a veteran and 48 years old, moved us to a safer location after taking money from his retirement. What I found insulting is how we were treated by all levels of government and industry as though we had no common sense and we are expendable. A quote from Peter Sowatskey, "As a veteran, I am severely disappointed as to how I was treated by the very country I volunteered my life for." Thank you.