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Mr. Edward Hanlon
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Dear Mr. Hanlon

The Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC) directly, and through its member states, is integrally engaged in the public concern over the hydraulic fracturing of shale gas. As you may be aware, we have conducted a variety of studies on different aspects of the process. We are also actively engaged in helping the states develop new tools for assisting in their regulatory oversight of the oil and gas industry. One of the most significant is our Risk Based Data Management System that is installed in 24 states. As we have in the past, we would offer to provide technical background on any of these GWPC initiatives to the SAB and/or the several sub-committees, staff etc.

We continue to encourage you to directly involve the state regulatory agencies, oil and gas, water, and others in your efforts. The states are the front line in the regulation of the oil and gas industry and as such we have real time data and facts that may be helpful as your study progresses. Please consider how you might directly involve the state regulatory agencies in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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