

To: Edward Hanlon/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
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Subject: Comment on EPA Draft Study on Hydraulic Fracturing

Dear Mr. Hanlon:

The WV/PA Watersheds Compact commends the study of the impacts from hydraulic fracturing and desires to register comment on the Draft Plan to Study the Potential Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing on Drinking Water Resources. The Compact recommends that the scope of the study be expanded to include the impacts on human health due to emissions. There are many reports of families falling ill with symptoms of headaches, nausea, diarrhea, and permanent neurological disease. To not confront this serious impact is unconscionable.

In addition, the study does not cover the impacts from the use of pits and pit liners for the disposal of drill tailings, drilling mud and frack wastewater. This is an area where the plethora of violations issued by state environmental agencies document the threats to the environment, and thus to the public health.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully yours,  
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