

To: Edward Hanlon/DC/USEPA/US@EPA

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Subject: hydrofracking and water quality

Dear Mr. Hanlon,

I am emailing to urge you and the EPA to conduct a thorough study of hydrofracking and its impact on the water quality of aquifers and wells. This is a public health issue of major proportions.

Despite the gas companies claims there is no direct evidence for the act of hydrofracking polluting drinking water, there are ample examples to support the assertion that spills and accidents involving contaminated, toxic fluids used in hydrofracking and mixed with other substances from flow-back water have gotten into wells, streams and rivers. Evidence of the presence of 2BE and adamantes in drinking water from Pavillion, WY should make this study mandatory. Those chemical are directly linked to the hydrofracking process.

As a child, I attended the school built over the Love Canal in Niagara Falls, NY. I thought I had escaped the issue of chemicals being dumped deep in the ground when I moved to central NYS. But here we go again. Only this time, I am an adult and won't be so easily fooled.

I urge you not to be fooled either. Please conduct a thorough study of this issue, keeping in mind that you are charged with protecting the environment in which we must all live.

Sincerely,  
Marge Hubbert