

To: Edward Hanlon/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
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Subject: Review of Hydraulic Fracturing

Dear Mr. Hanlon:

I am writing to you in your capacity as a member of the Environmental Engineering Committee Augmented for Hydraulic Fracturing Review and your upcoming meeting this week. Although I am aware that the focus so far is on water resources, I note that there are several places in the document where other public health issues or environmental risks and socio-economic factors are discussed. Therefore, I am writing to advocate for a broadening of the study, namely to include issues such as air pollution, social and economic costs, and greenhouse gas emissions associated with shale gas exploitation and use. I urge you to do just that.

Sincerely,
Ellen Schmidt
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