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I am glad to hear that the EPA is conducting this study: the results of which, I hope, will not be disregarded for political reasons as other results have been in the past. One of the most pressing issues with the treatment of this water is radioactivity. Because our water treatment plants cannot handle radioactivity, it is often untested and untreated -- which is a serious problem. People obviously can't drink radioactive material without, well, dying. I hope the study will provide concrete evidence that cleaning this waste water from fracking is not a real solution. In addition, while this study ignores the impact of fracking on air quality - many kids, such as Kelly Grant's 14 year old daughter and 11 year old son, have had serious health problems, including asthma, because of a gas well set up near their home, according to a February 26 New York Times article. Though I realize that this study is designed to focus on how water is affected by fracking, it is irresponsible to ignore the other consequences.