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My name is Kandi Mossett and I currently live in Bismarck, ND but am originally from New Town, ND on the Fort Berthold Reservation where my family still currently works and lives. I work with and represent members of the Environmental Awareness Committee of Fort Berthold who have several concerns related to Hydraulic Fracturing. I'm commenting today because I came across the above link to a u-tube video on the Bakken Watch Website (<http://www.bakkenwatch.org/>) that's been set up for folks living in ND and dealing with all of the Hydraulic Fracturing that's happening here. The video shows a family living in the midst of several fracking sites whose farm animals are seriously ill and the woman who is living there is also ill and is full of sores all over her body, which she suspects is from showering in her own water at home that's possibly been contaminated with fracking fluids. I'm asking for an EPA Region 8 representative to undergo an investigation into what's happening on this family farm because it is outrageous and something MUST be done! In addition, I understand that The EPA has issued a February 7, 2011, "Draft Plan to Study the Potential Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing on Drinking Water Resources." I'd like to receive two hard copies of this study for those folks who do not have access to the internet and/or funds to pay for printing. We'd like to know more about how to comment on the draft study and also how we can get on an email list for updates on this EPA study. Specifically, we are concerned with how the agency defines the scope of the study. "Earlier (EPA) plans to model the impacts of discharges into rivers, especially rivers that supply drinking water, are no longer included in this version of the study plan." This is ludicrous considering that the Missouri River is the main water source in the entire state of ND as shown in the August 19, 2009 ND State Water Commission Hydrologist Report conducted by Bill Schuh as required by House Bill 1322. Additionally, "While air pollution from drilling has become a problem in some states, the potential for wastewater or other hydrofracking fluids to affect the food chain has also attracted attention recently. In May 2010, Pennsylvania agriculture officials quarantined 28 beef cattle on a farm after wastewater from a nearby gas well leaked into a field and came in contact with the animals. In other states, ranchers and veterinarians have said that cows, goats, and chickens have died because of exposure to drilling waste and drilling emissions.....These topics have been removed from the current version of the EPA's planned national study." This again is ludicrous especially in light of the video I shared with you here today. Other major environmental impacts also excluded from the scope of this study include the following:

- * injection wells to dispose the fracking wastewater
- * air pollution
- * impacts on the ecosystems and on animals
- * earthquake-related risks
- * public safety issues from emergency situations
- * worker safety
- * disposal liners for evaporation pits

* on-site burial of solid waste.

All of the above, and the earlier topics I discussed that are currently not in the study, are of the utmost importance and **MUST** be included in this study to truly understand the full range of disproportionate impacts happening to the people, ranchers and farmers in North Dakota. In addition, the Fort Berthold Reservation currently has no environmental regulations in place to protect the people and must rely on either the oil companies themselves or the federal government agencies to meet their trust and fiduciary responsibilities to protect the people and that is **NOT** currently happening on Fort Berthold under the current leadership. There are many problems associated with this comment today so please feel free to contact me via e-mail at anytime for follow up to these concerns. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Kandi Mossett

L-date I heard about this issue was March 7, 2011