

**EPA Science Advisory Board
Hydraulic Fracturing Research Advisory Panel
Public Teleconference February 1, 2016
Oral Statement of Ivan Dubrasky**

From: Carrie Hahn
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 10:43 PM
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Subject: RE: Feb 1 call in

Ed, attached are the prepared statement from Pulaski Township, PA resident Ivan Dubrasky. All documents in the links below are in PDF form except for some photographs you will find in the Dubrasky file.

Below is a link to some photographs of water results from samples taken on July 29, 2015 at the Dubrasky home, as well as some other documents and photographs that I have collected. Missing are the more recent water test results taken on August 27th, October 1st and October 15th of 2015.

https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B_I4TTJ4bNHEb1o1OW56bFNiZ0E&usp=sharing

Please note that George Miklasevish's and the Dubrasky's water wells were impacted by different unconventional gas wells in Pulaski Township. Other landowners nearby are just starting to come forward with additional water complaints.

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Re: February 1, 2016 public teleconference of the EPA Science Advisory Board Hydraulic Fracturing Research Advisory Panel

Dear panel members,

Representatives from Hilcorp started coming to our house in 2013 and offered us \$3000 an acre to sign a lease. We were told we would have better protection for our well if we signed a lease. We refused to sign and Hilcorp decided to put a well pad directly across the road from our house. Construction started in October of 2014.

A large mound of dirt was bulldozed right across from our house and small pine trees planted. Work continued through December and in January the tower was up and drilling started. The tower with bright lights shined into our picture window for weeks only 560 feet from our front door. The access road was only 147 feet from our front door. 2015 was the year for our family; with hundreds of trucks coming in and out daily, the noise and dust was unbearable.

We called Hilcorp almost daily to get the driveway watered down. They would come out and soak the driveway once and leave. Two hours later the dust was back. It was impossible to keep our windows clean. We called the township police on several occasions about the noise and lights but got absolutely no satisfaction. We were told more than once that we were up against a company that was worth billions of dollars. Even though there is an ordinance in our township forbidding the erection of lighting devices that produce objectionable direct or reflective glare on adjoining properties, our local cops refuse to enforce it.

We had a predrill water test on our well by Leidos, a company hired by Hilcorp to test all wells in the area. That was in August of 2014 and everything was fine. In July of 2015, after the fracking ended, we again had our water tested by Leidos. The results indicated unacceptable levels of methane and total suspended solids. I immediately called Hilcorp to report this and they got Culligan Water to provide us with bottle water that day. After these results the DEP sent a representative to our house to test our water on August 27th, then again on October 1st and 15th. The tests done on October 1st and 15th were also conducted by Leidos. Leidos noted in their test results that methane gas was detected in our sample and that the presence of methane could result in potential dangers and should be treated as a serious matter. Hilcorp and the DEP continue to downplay this issue by telling us that our water is fine. The DEP test results show an elevated level of iron manganese. Hilcorp is still supplying us with Culligan Water as of this date.

We filed a lawsuit against Hilcorp and the Township Supervisors in 2014 and it is ongoing at this point. Also, on August 10, 2015, Hilcorp went to the DEP without our permission to ask for a waiver to drill an underground line within 25 feet of our property line. They claimed they attempted to contact us 22 times and offered us a better deal than other land owners. These are just a few of the numerous lies this company has told us from day one. As of this time, no decision has been made on the waiver request.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my experience with unconventional gas drilling in Western, PA.

Sincerely,

Ivan Dubrasky