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Subject: EPA Study of Hydrofracking

Dear Edward Hanlon:

Your decision to undertake a study of hydraulic fracturing is good news. My main concern, as a citizen whose surroundings will be dramatically affected by this type of gas extraction from the Marcellus Shale in my neighborhood, is that your teams of researchers will personally visit regions where this process has already been underway. Those who have done so generally come away with a vastly different impression than one gets from reading the literature on the subject.

A second concern: I have been following the debates on hydrofracking in my region very closely, and have yet to come across any data about the health risks to the crews doing the fracking and transporting the drilling debris and fracking fluid. I hope and trust that is on your agenda as well, for their sake and also for the information such data would yield about the health effects of this process to the general public.

Sincerely,
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