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The most important rights that the people of the United States deserve are clean air to breathe and clean water to drink. The United States is one of the most developed countries in the world, so why would we take a step backwards and pollute our water supply? Advising people not to drink tap water in a place like Pennsylvania because it is contaminated with chemical waste is unacceptable. Fracking is especially dangerous because waterways are connected, and once one waterway is contaminated, it becomes difficult and expensive to track the polluted water. To live an American lifestyle, we depend on both energy and clean water. The difference between the two is that there are multiple ways to produce energy, however only one water source. Not only is fracking harmful to the health of people who live near the production site, it is also harmful to the environment. At this point, although there are ways to somewhat dispose of the fracking waste material, there is no way to safely eradicate it. Fracking threatens the main source of one of our necessary resources-water-so there is no doubt that the use of fracking should be severely reduced if not completely stopped, and the money and research formerly used for fracking should be devoted to producing clean energy.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,  
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