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Below are my comments regarding the results of the EPA study on fracking and the potential for harming drinking water resources.

I appreciate the opportunity to share with you the situation in our area of West Virginia. Since drilling and fracking began in our neighborhood in 2009, our whole way of life has been impacted. Not only have we had to buy drinking water for the last 5 years, but we have suffered physically and mentally from the fracking activities on our road, in our neighborhood, city and county.

In 2008, when the drilling company began clearing the site for the well pad across the road from our house, we were told that they would be "in and out" in three months' time. The well site would be more pristine when they were finished than when they first began to clear it. The only thing left would be a small green tank.

They LIED. Five, almost six years later, we still see traffic at the well site on a daily basis. The waste pit they used for frack water, was only filled in and reclaimed this summer, after 5 years of stinking, contaminated water was allowed to leak and contaminate the ground and stream underneath it.

My next-door neighbor's water is contaminated.
Our drinking water is contaminated.

Our water well is 40 feet from the well pad. 200 feet from the first well hole. The chemicals stored on the well pad were stacked beside our water well; those bags of chemicals were busted open and spilled on the ground. The portable latrines on the well pad were situated 40 feet from our water well. Those portable toilets were overturned most of the time. The chemicals used in those toilets spilled out onto the ground.

Antero Resources had our water tested prior to drilling. The test results showed no contamination for a total of 7 items tested. In the summer of 2010, our water well was collapsed by the drilling activities. After they repaired the well, no testing was done. The following summer, prior to drilling yet another well, testing of our drinking water showed contamination of our well. I believe this contamination was due to fracking and drilling activities. Antero has refused to provide us with another source for drinking water. We must buy our drinking water. We shower and wash laundry in contaminated water, because we cannot afford to do otherwise.

Both my husband and myself are in poor health. We have no way to know if fracking chemicals are to blame, as we have never been provided with information about which chemicals were used on the Mary Post Pad.

EPA does not have enough information...has not studied this situation in depth enough to publish a report that says fracking has not affected drinking water sources in enough areas to warrant restricting the activity. I invite you to visit Cherry Camp Road, Salem, West Virginia. Myself and my neighbors will be happy to show you the impact fracking has had on us.

My neighbors have a contaminated stream, which the drilling company tried to hide from the authorities. They were subsequently fined and shut down until the spill could be contained and addressed.

Next to them, are neighbors whose drinking water was also contaminated.

We have 30 Marcellus wells within a mile of our house, if you look from an airplane, you will see we are surrounded. There is no escape.

EPA please do your job and investigate thoroughly the claims reported to you. This situation is intolerable. No amount of devastation of our land and its people is warranted in the name of energy independence.
YOU CANNOT DRINK OIL, OR GAS, OR PROPANE.....OR M-O-N-E-Y.