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Re: Written Comments to EPA Science Advisory Board for the Environmental Engineering Committee Meeting on EPA Hydraulic Fracturing Study

Dear Mr. Hanlon:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Science Advisory Board (the "Board") comments regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed research approach for studying the potential relationship between hydraulic fracturing and drinking water supplies. I appreciate the Board allowing Oklahoma Secretary of Energy Robert Wegener to make public comment at its April 7th and 8th meeting in Washington. I would also like to echo the written comments provided to the Board by Secretary Wegener and Oklahoma Secretary of Environment J.D. Strong.

I share EPA's commitment to protecting drinking water supplies throughout the United States. As a leading energy and agriculture producer, Oklahomans have long respected the importance of protecting our water supplies. Additionally, I believe that natural gas is the key to achieve the President's objective of maximizing renewable energy development throughout the county.

As I discussed with Administrator Jackson at our July 6, 2009, meeting, it is crucial that EPA partner with state energy and environmental regulators when conducting its study of hydraulic fracturing. State regulators have developed a long history of expertise by overseeing the practice of hydraulic fracturing over the past sixty years.

I appreciate the Board's role in providing guidance to EPA on its proposed research plan. Oklahoma looks forward to regular collaboration with EPA on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Brad Henry
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