

SAMPLE LETTER TO DEC RE: FINAL FRACKING REGULATIONS

Date

December 17, 2012

Address

Attn: Draft HVHF Regulations Comments
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-6510

Section

RE: Section 560.5 Well and spring water testing

Optional

Dear Commissioner Martens:

First, I wish it to be known that I am responding to these regulations under protest as there has been inadequate time to review the 300+ pages of new regulations, and they have been issued prior to public release of the health impact analysis or of the revised economic impact analysis. As a result, I cannot assess whether these final regulations are adequate.

Personal

I am a homeowner in a small rural town. There is no municipal water supply here - we all get our water from wells. I have seen enough reports to have serious concerns about how my water will be impacted when fracking comes to my area.

Problem

Thus I have great concern about **Section 560.5**, which discusses well and spring water testing but makes no requirement for industry to set up monitoring wells that would be regularly tested to ensure that contamination has not occurred.

Personal

In other words, the only way I'll find out if my water is contaminated is by having to spend the money to have it tested regularly myself, or wait until I have skin rashes, intestinal problems or flaming water as has been seen in many areas .

Specific Remedy

WHY ISN'T THE DEC PROTECTING ME? I should not have to bear the costs of testing my water on a regular basis, and I should not be a guinea pig, waiting to find out if my water is contaminated by getting sick. **DEC should require industry to set up monitoring wells and they should be tested regularly** over the entire lifespan of the gas well -even after it is plugged. All casings fail eventually, meaning my water supply is at risk from the minute toxic chemicals are injected into the ground until.....eternity.

STOP PROTECTING INDUSTRY AND START PROTECTING THE CITIZENS AND RESOURCES OF NY STATE.

Signature

Sincerely,

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