

Lisa Jackson
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Administrator Jackson:

Citizens United for Responsible Energy Development (CURED), who represent concerned Sublette County, Wyoming citizens, are writing to urge you to ensure that the pending Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Research Program Related to Hydraulic Fracturing studies the full range of impacts across the lifecycle of hydraulic fracturing activities. Sublette County is located within the Pinedale Anticline and Jonah Field. We are living at "ground zero." This is one of the biggest natural gas operations in the Nation and daily live with gas extraction practices, especially fracturing. We have seen first-hand, degradation of our once pristine air quality, a major concern regarding our water quality, and continue to witness negative impacts to our wildlife. There is also a growing concern for human health as well as seeing major changes in our community.

We support the initial scope of the study, as it was presented to the Scientific Advisory Board and Office wastewater of Research and Development in public meetings in Washington, D.C. on April 7th and 8th. This includes analysis of the entire lifecycle of the hydraulic fracturing process, including site preparation, well construction, water sourcing, water and chemical transport to the site, the underground fracturing, waste management processes including treatment, and gas storage. It is only by analyzing the entire hydraulic fracturing process that EPA and the public will truly be able to understand the full effects of the process on water and the health of communities. At least 90 percent of oil and natural gas wells drilled in the United States employ hydraulic fracturing. As natural gas drilling becomes more widespread across the country, citizens have the right to know what risks this activity could pose to their health and their environment.

Thank you for addressing this issue, and for your commitment to public participation. We are encouraged by the approach EPA has taken to date, and look forward to continuing to work with you as the study proceeds.

Sincerely,

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