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Subject: Comments on Hydraulic Fracking

I went to www.doa.alaska.gov/ogc/ but I could not find an email address or link for sending comments regarding regulation changes on hydraulic fracturing. I believe I sent the letter below earlier, but if not, I am including it with my addition.

Thanks for directing this to the right person.

Sincerely,
Nina Faust

I would like to add to my comments that I support the addition of regulations that AOGC is considering, such as:

1. notification of landowners, surface owners, and operators within one-quarter mile of the wellbore trajectory;
2. pre and post hydraulic fracturing water well water sampling and analysis;
3. disclosure of the chemical makeup of hydraulic fracturing fluids;
4. wellbore integrity;
5. containment of hydraulic fracturing fluids;
6. casing and cementing; and
7. disclosure of the intent to use a well for hydraulic fracturing on an application for a permit to drill.

Thanks for adding this to my comments.

Sincerely,

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January 22, 2013

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Dear Commission Members:

In 2003, the State sold the mineral rights for Coalbed Methane leases in the Homer area. Concerns over possible hydraulic fracking were raised and nothing less than a community firestorm raged over this potential method of producing gas. Homer has a problem with drinking water supplies as do many other communities. From all the reading I have done about fracking problems in the Lower 48, I am convinced that Alaska would be making a big mistake to allow this method to be used here.

The Halliburton Loophole has allowed gas companies a free pass to use fracking fluids without disclosing the ingredients, many of which are highly toxic. This same loophole has also exempted fracking from clean water and clean air laws. As a result, in areas with extensive wells using fracking, communities are suffering severe air pollution, and many people are finding that their water sources are now toxic.

It is time to take an approach that protects Alaska's citizens first from what is clearly turning into an environmental disaster in the Lower 48. Much of this hard to get gas creates far more pollution than conventional gas, creating a much larger carbon footprint that is hard to justify.

Alaska has an opportunity to do it right. France has banned hydraulic fracturing with good reason. Let's stop the mad rush to squeeze out the last bit of gas and oil, whether from shale oil or coalbed methane. The method is too toxic. There are too many unknowns, including the things that are kept from us under stupid laws like the Halliburton Loophole.

Ban hydraulic fracturing in Alaska. Follow Germany's lead and start a serious effort to get private enterprise developing renewable energy. We cannot keep polluting water and air the way we are presently if we are to address the issue of climate change.

Sincerely,

Nina Faust