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**From:** Foerster, Catherine P (DOA)  
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**To:** Colombie, Jody J (DOA)  
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**From:** Braun [<mailto:braun@mtaonline.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 1:16 PM  
**To:** Foerster, Catherine P (DOA); Norman, John K (DOA); Seamount, Dan T (DOA)  
**Subject:** Proposed Hydraulic Fracturing Regulations

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commissioners.

Please accept the attached comments in lieu of public testimony at the April 4th public hearing. We just received notice of the hearing and are unable to attend or call in because we are traveling outside Alaska for several weeks and the logistics are impossible.

Thank you for accepting our comments.

Sincerely,

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Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
333 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Proposed regulations on hydraulic fracturing and workover operations:  
20 AAC §§ 25.280, 25.283, and 25.990

To Whom This Concerns:

We are traveling in the lower 48 dealing with family concerns and so are unable to attend or call into the hearing on proposed changes to the regulations concerning hydraulic fracturing in Alaska. We live on and own several other parcels of land in Panguingue Creek Subdivision northwest of Healy, AK all of which are in the Healy Basin Gas Only Exploration License area and so will be directly impacted by the regulatory changes. We would therefore greatly appreciate the Commission accepting these comments.

We insist on full disclosure, prior to injection underground, of all chemicals in fracking fluids used within five miles of our property. This is so we can have our water tested for each of those chemicals and thus be able to prove their absence before fracking. We need adequate time between disclosure and use of the chemicals to conduct testing. Five miles may or may not be adequate notice since our area is so seismically active.

We insist that no highly toxic substances be injected in the ground. The State of Alaska needs to think long-term and not create problems for future generations to clean up or live with.

The party benefiting from drilling activity must be responsible for degradation of ground or surface water due to migration of fracking fluids for at least twenty years since it may take some time for damage to show up. This should not present a problem if, as drillers insist, the process is safe. There should be severe criminal and civil penalties for polluting ground or surface water with fracking chemicals and restitution for property owners harmed by drilling activity.

The State of Alaska can look to other states where fracking is already taking place to learn from past mistakes and lack of regulatory control. It is your job to protect Alaskan citizens' property from the negative impacts of oil and gas production. We "little guys" are counting on you. Please protect our right to drink clean water.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

David and Susan Braun