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I may lack sufficient scientific credentials to comment on specifics of the proposed regulations for hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") in the State of Alaska, but I have sufficient understanding for some general comments.

Anytime Alaskans are harmed in their persons or property as a result of resource extraction, the businesses or entities responsible for that extraction should make those Alaskans whole. Laws and regulations should require this to at least some degree of strict liability. **If harm is proven**, the "extractors" should pay up front, not wait or delay for all the lawsuits or appeals to end. Some type of escrow arrangement could be set up, but the companies responsible for the extraction should be held strictly liable with a legislated presumption of guilt. Lawsuits should be dealing with how much, if any, of the compensation should be returned to the companies. The purpose is to protect the Alaskan public, not to protect the extraction industries.

In too many instances, history shows industries will exercise just as much care and concern for the public as the law requires. Please let us make sure that the law requires so much concern and care that the companies will, for their own protection, take more precautions than they currently even know exist. And if extraction companies think the operation is too risky for them to undertake, it is certainly too risky for the public.

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