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- Require before-and-after water monitoring around each well that is subject to fracturing operations within a half-mile of a freshwater source.
- Require full disclosure where and when fracking fluids will be used, what toxic constituents the fracking fluids may contain, and what amounts of chemicals will be used BEFORE and AFTER fracking operations commence.
- Allow no trade secret exemptions from the requirement to disclose the constituents of fracking fluids prior to or after their use.
- Provide broad public access to fracking-related information, and not rely solely on the problematic FracFocus website to disseminate fracking fluid information to the public.
- Provide landowners adequate notice and opportunity to secure their water rights prior to the use of fracking fluids.

These are some of the talking points that are going around. They are not enough. When we pollute the water, it is forever.

Water rights in Alaska are a joke and they do not protect landowners or anyone else. Once the water is poisoned no amount of legal action will make the land owners whole or the water clean. Private land owners do not have the financial resources to sue for relief when their water is contaminated. There is no fund to help people who are the victims of fracking.

All toxic fluids should be banned in the fracking process. There is no reason for these arbitrary industrial secrets companies are allowed because their frack mix is a trade secret. We deserve full disclosure about what they are injecting into the earth. We need to prohibit the chemical warfare they are committing on our most precious resource.

Many people in the public think hydro-fracking means water and do not understand the chemical components that are involved which are poison to this earth.

We keep asking for stronger controls on the fracking process and the chemicals involved to no avail. It feels like the only protection there is has been afforded to the industry.

We do not worry when they frack on the North Slope because it is so far away. When they do it where people live it becomes another matter. There is only so much water on this earth and we must protect every precious drop of it.

Please provide the protection that we deserve. All the oil and gas in the world will do us know good if we do not have clean water.

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