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To: Colombie, Jody J (DOA)
Subject: Hydraulic Fracturing Regulations

Cathy P. Foerster
Chair, Commissioner

Dear Ms. Foerster,

I have attached a letter re: my concerns about hydraulic fracturing regulations. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Retired Registered Geologist

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April 3, 2013

Alaska Oil and Gas Commission
Attention: Cathy P. Foerster, Chair, Commissioner
333 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 100
Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Re: Proposed Hydraulic Fracturing Regulations

Dear Ms. Foerster:

I'm writing this comment as a retired registered geologist. I have personally examined hydraulic fracturing in the Powder River Basin in Wyoming, parts of the Bakken Shale Field in North Dakota and some of the Tar Sand Fields of British Columbia.

I am most pleased that the Commission is stepping forward proactively to require open disclosure of the chemical composition of fracturing fluids. This must be a mandatory requirement to protect the safety of Alaska's water from harmful and even carcinogenic ingredients. There can be no proprietary protection for fracturing fluids in Alaska.

Another aspect of the oil and gas development should include a clean-up bond in perpetuity that stays with each project from start-up to completion. This would insure that all aspects of oil and gas activity are paid for without any public liability or expense. This would protect Alaska's environment from abandoned projects that either failed due to lack of oil or gas or bankrupt corporations as has often been the case in the Lower 48. During the evolution of oil and gas fields it is often happens that majors sell off less productive fields to junior companies that do not have the deep pockets to adequately clean up abandoned projects.

Thank you for your attention to this most important matter.

Sincerely,

Michael McCarthy