America's Top Regulators Tout Safety of Hydraulic Fracturing





Gina McCarthy, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator:

"There's nothing inherently dangerous in fracking that sound engineering practices can't accomplish." (National Journal, 11/6/13)



Lisa Jackson, former EPA Administrator:

"I'm not aware of any proven case where the fracking process itself has affected water."

(U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, 5/24/11)



Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior:

"By using directional drilling and fracking, we have an opportunity to have a softer footprint on the land." (National Press Club, 10/31/13)



Ken Salazar, former Secretary of the Interior:

"I would say to everybody that hydraulic fracking is safe." (Washington Examiner, 9/24/13)



Ernest Moniz, Secretary of the Department of Energy:

"I still have not seen any evidence of fracking per se contaminating groundwater."

(Washington Examiner, 8/2/13)



Steven Chu, former Secretary of Energy:

"This [fracking] is something you can do in a safe way." (Columbus Dispatch, 9/18/13)



Hal Fitch, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality:

"As far as migration of gas or fracture fluids, we have never seen an instance where a fracture communicates directly with the fresh water zone." (Video, 3/13/13)



Tim Kustic, California Div. of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources:

"There is no evidence of harm from fracking in groundwater in California at this point in time. And it has been going on for many years." (San Jose Mercury News, 12/18/12)



John Hanger, former PA Dept. of Environmental Protection Secretary:

"It's our experience in Pennsylvania that we have not had one case in which the fluids used to break off the gas from 5,000 to 8,000 feet underground have returned to contaminate ground water." (Reuters, 10/4/10)



Mike Krancer, former PA Dept. of Environmental Protection Secretary:

"The facts are that a diverse range of state and federal experts have stated, and are in agreement, that hydraulic fracturing has not contaminated groundwater." (The Intelligencer, 6/17/11)



Mark Nechodom, Director of California Department of Conservation:

"In California it has been used for 60 years, and actively used for 40 years, and in California there has been not one record of reported damage directly to the use of hydraulic fracturing."

(National Journal, 10/16/13)



Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission:

"When properly conducted, modern fracing is a safe, sophisticated, highly engineered and controlled procedure." (COGCC, Home Page)



New York Department of Environmental Conservation:

"No known instances of groundwater contamination have occurred from previous horizontal drilling or hydraulic fracturing projects in New York State." (NY DEC, 9/7/11)