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Good morning,

I've just been informed that, technically, the written comment period is passed. However, since there was NO publication on this in the Farmington area, where I live, I am asking you to consider this short message.

I have not ever seen or heard any drilling companies say/publish/write any of the ingredients in the fracking compounds being used. Workers in the oilfield refuse to talk about the chemicals/substances they have to use. They tell me they will be fired if they talk. They even told me that when I was still working for IRS--they were that afraid of their employers that IRS was less "scary" than the drilling companies!

Most people realize that what you put into the ground works its way into the ground water, especially after fracking opens up underground fractures in the soil (yes, that's how it got its name). There is no way to prevent those substances from entering the water resources. We only have limited water resources and humans require water to survive. Therefore, the drilling companies need to find another way to remove oil and gas.

In the Four Corners, we are exposed to an extreme amount of pollution. The death rate from cancer, especially strange and rare types of cancer is climbing (you can verify that with the hospitals in Farmington, Durango and Shiprock). There is air pollution, water pollution, soil pollution (yes, some of that is from uranium--not just the oil and gas industry, but if it kills, it kills just as dead). The pollution is in the crops we grow, the water we drink and the air we breathe. It does not discriminate--it provides an equal opportunity for the healthy/unhealthy, wise/ignorant and young/old to die. We need help, please.

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