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I want to express my support for application of more stringent wastewater treatment requirements. A simple historic observation of shale natural gas production practices inescapably confirms its relationship to serious water contamination and health problems.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, water from gas operations is often ten times more toxic than water produced in petroleum production, and can contain high concentrations of salts, acids, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene, and other, apparently unidentified, chemicals. There is no doubt that produced water needs to be better regulated, that existing regulations need to be better enforced, and that monitoring of water contamination from fracking and disposal of produced water needs to be expanded.

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