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Dear Board Members:

I am opposed to fracking activities in Pennsylvania due to the high potential for contaminating streams and aquifers. As you know there have already been fish kills on the state's streams. More hazardous is the threat to aquifers, which once polluted are virtually impossible to clean up. Several wells have already been contaminated by fracking fluids (Allentown Morning Call, November 21, 2009). Very worrisome to me is the fact that the oil and gas companies obtained an exemption from the Clean Water Act. Additionally, drilling was recently abandoned in the New York City watershed. These two pieces of information indicate to me that there is a high potential for contamination. I am in favor of eliminating fracking, but at a minimum, putting in very strong regulations to prevent contamination of streams and ground water.

Sincerely,
Jack W. Paul
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