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NY/NJ Baykeeper * Pennsylvania Forest Coalition
San Francisco Creek Ranch Landowners' Association * Southern Environmental Law Center
The Wilderness Society

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Lisa Jackson
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Jackson:

The undersigned organizations, representing millions of members across the country, are writing to urge you to ensure that the pending Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Research Program Related to Hydraulic Fracturing studies the full range of impacts across the lifecycle of hydraulic fracturing activities.

We support the initial scope of the study, as it was presented to the Scientific Advisory Board and Office of Research and Development in public meetings in Washington, D.C. on April 7th and 8th. This includes analysis of the entire lifecycle of the hydraulic fracturing process, including site preparation, well construction, water sourcing, water and chemical transport to the site, the underground fracturing, waste management processes including wastewater treatment, and gas storage. It is only by analyzing the entire hydraulic fracturing process that EPA and the public will truly be able to understand the full effects of the process on water and the health of communities.

At least 90 percent of oil and natural gas wells drilled in the United States employ hydraulic fracturing. As natural gas drilling becomes more widespread across the country, citizens have the right to know what risks this activity could pose to their health and their environment.

Thank you for addressing this issue, and for your commitment to public participation. We are encouraged by the approach EPA has taken to date, and look forward to continuing to work with you as the study proceeds.

Sincerely,

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