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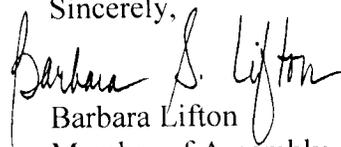
Joe Martens, Commissioner  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, New York 12233-1010

Dear Commissioner Martens:

In light of the recent reporting on the issue of hydrofracking, (*New York Times* article "Regulation Lax as Gas Wells' Tainted Water Hits Rivers," 2/27/11), which highlights the work of the EPA in Pennsylvania and other states in relation to wastewater treatment and disposal, I write to request a copy of all relevant communications between the NYSDEC and the federal EPA on High-volume Hydrofracking (HVHF) from 2007, when concerns were first raised about HVHF in New York, up to the current day and the on-going SGEIS process.

I am interested in knowing what kind of guidance the EPA has offered New York State, in light of the problems they have found elsewhere. We need to gather all possible information to fully understand the risks of hydrofracking and the effect of current policies on drinking water and public health. If, indeed, HVHF goes forward in New York, any pertinent exchange between EPA and NYSDEC might prove useful in helping us craft the best public policy in New York in this critical area.

Thank you in advance for your response to this request.

Sincerely,  
  
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