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Francine Rubens

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From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Judy Routh <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 9:44 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 17, 2017

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From: diane rouse <diane.rouse@illinois.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 6:53 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding Review #: HVHHF-000001

DNR Public Comment,

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June 23, 2017

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Attention: Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff

1 Natural Resources Way

Springfield, IL 62702

Dear Sir or Madame:

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As taxpayers, all Illinoisans have a right to clean air, land, and water. We have the right to believe our environment will be protected by the state (and federal) government so that it will remain clean for the future, for our children and grandchildren. As the manager of our state’s natural resources, it is your responsibility to recognize the current scientific data that proves hydraulic fracking causes harm to the environment in countless ways and chemicals used in fracking are carcinogenic.

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At a time when Illinois is struggling financially, we cannot afford to be risk takers. Fracking has proven to be a boom and bust industry so granting this permit would be a gamble Illinois will lose.

Please do not approve this permit.

Yours truly,

Rhonda S. and Robert L. Rothrock
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Ms. Sue Rosenstein
From: Judith Rosenlund  
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 2:35 PM  
To: DNR.HFPublicComments  
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHFF-000001  

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The unknown effect of fracking on water sources for residents living near or directly above any drilling operation is reason enough to deny the application.

Illinois oil sites are no match to Texas and N. Dakota oil reservoirs.

Paul & Verlyn Rosenberger

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