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Ms. Kim Alexander
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Edward Allard <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 11:14 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 21, 2017

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Mr. Edward Allard
From: Brittany Alsot
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 9:02 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] HVHHF #000001

HVHHF #000001

I am writing on behalf of ONE Northside and Fair Economy Illinois regarding the The Woolsey application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit.

The Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There were overarching generalities and deficiencies in the application, not to mention problems where information was actually provided.

We continue to have a concern regarding Woolsey’s capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete initial application to engage in high volume horizontal fracking. They were essentially given an “open book” test with the passage of the HFRA and have demonstrated they still can’t pass that test without extensive help on the part of the Department, the environmental community and the public through written comments. We believe they have demonstrated that they lack both the capacity and willingness to comply with the law. As such, we assert that they should not be granted a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois.

Sincerely,
Brittany Alsot
ONE Northside/Fair Economy Illinois

COMMENTS
Specific comments included below reference the documents contained in the Woolsey Permit Application HVHHF-000001and are in relation to the regulations outlined in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act, 225 ILCS 732, unless otherwise indicated.

COMMENTS

Directional Drilling Plan- Document 3
1. Directional Drilling Plan- The drilling lengths and depths submitted in the Plan do not match the depth in the scaled cross-section. There is also a discrepancy in angle of
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**Underground Freshwater Information - Document 4**

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3. **Inadequate Evidence to Establish the Lowest Potential Fresh Water** - Again, Woolsey has failed to provide this information. As such a clear potential exists that fresh water could exist below the drilling depth in a lower formation.

**HVHHF Operations Plan - Document 5**

4. **Failure to Clearly Identify Formation to be Stimulated** - The permit fails to clearly identify the formation that will be stimulated or fracked by the operation other than to state that the “drilling objective” is the New Albany Shale but later refers to the “objective” being the “Grassy Creek” shale and, later still, describes the “reservoir zone”, and the Semier Shale as the “frac barrier.” These terms are not synonymous and therefore both confusing and inadequate.

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12. **Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking** - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHHF wells is a major public health and safety concern and is therefore a specific requirement for analysis in Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). However, no specific information or reliable analysis on this important feature is provided in the Document. No information on the scope, lateral extent, depth or sophistication of this survey is provided.

**Chemical Disclosure Report- Document 7**

13. **Chemical Disclosure Plan** The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on “Composition/Information on Ingredients” lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:

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4) Acetylenic alcohol (1-5% of total mixture).

All four of these constituent chemicals have their Chemical Abstract Service Number concealed on the Safety Data Sheet for the stated reason of “Trade Secret.”

**Water Source Management Plan- Document 9**

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The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.
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15. Will there be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site- The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will involve three water wells to supply 7,500,000 gallons of water for the base fluid of the hydraulic fracturing operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7:

   The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHHF water supply wells) and a surface water body (a stock pond). A fourth potentially required water supply well may be drilled, and, if completed, will be included in this monitoring program. (emphasis added)

   Apparently, Woolsey does not intend to be bound by its Water Source Management Plan and reserves discretion to modify it for its own undisclosed purposes in a manner that might increase its already high levels of water consumption. However, the clear intent of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is to make these plans binding. Accordingly, the Department should require that the reference highlighted above to a possible fourth well be deleted from the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and the Applicant expressly limited to the three wells proposed in the Water Source Management Plan, provided a valid consideration of minimization methods and alternatives does not reduce that number even further (see previous comment).

**Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10**

16. **Inadequate information on Fracturing Fluids**- The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of information and either completely neglects or is patently vague on numerous items of required information. Equally unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required by paragraph (b) of the Department’s form regarding fracturing fluid is provided as the only information stated in the Applicant’s plan is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information on “injection schedule, flow rate, reuse volume, storage, any treatment and total volume in detail.”

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18. Inadequate Information on Storage Tanks- The application states that the storage tanks will meet the qualities for the “purpose built.” There is no identification as to the number of storage tanks, which will be critical in light of the above comment, nor is there information on the rate/frequency for emptying the tanks. These are all inadequate.

19. No Testing Plan for Flowback Water- This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.

20. Use of Earthen Containment Berms- The plan states that the flowback storage tanks will be “enclosed by earthen containment berms which will be of sufficient size to contain all of the possible flow back fluid temporary storage volume.” No information is provided regarding the engineering properties or layout of these earthen berms. Earthen berms are inadequate for site containment. And, as identified in previous comments, if the flowback calculation is closer to Ohio DNR’s numbers, the storage proposed will be completely inadequate.

Wellsite Safety Plan- Document 11

21. No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale”- Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety Plan addresses Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (“NORM”). This section limits the drill cuttings to be tested for radioactivity to “black shale.” Although this phrase is used in the regulations, it is not defined there or in the Safety Plan, nor at any other point in the Application. Accordingly, what is considered the “black shale” subject to this testing requirement is unspecified. The Plan should therefore be amended to identify the specific geologic formations that the Applicant considers to be “black shale,” in the vicinity of its proposed well, including the formation depth, so the extent of sampling will be clear.

22. Safety Considerations of the General Public- There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.

Containment Plan- Document 12

23. The Containment Plan is completely inadequate. It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments on the inadequacy of the “earthen containment berms and the lack of specificity in the number of containment tanks especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.

Casing and Cementing Plan- Document 13

24. Missing Information in the Casing and Cementing Plan- The casing and cementing plan does not address the requirements labeled in Document 13 regarding the potential for earthquakes. The application is therefore incomplete and must either be amended by the applicant or denied by IDNR. Furthermore, the casing and cementing plan is completely inadequate to meet Illinois’ regulations. It does not include the detail required by the HFRA and cannot be approved without this critical information.
25. Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River- The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.

26. The Certificate of insurance is insufficient to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

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33. **Need to Clarify If Filters Will Be Used and Tested for Radioactivity.** - One of the most serious sources for radioactive contamination is from filters used at hydraulic fracturing sites and disposal sites. No mention is made of filters in the Application or of the specific type of equipment to be used on-site. The Applicant must state whether any filters will be utilized on-site and if so, how they will be managed.

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**Section 09 Water Source Management Plan**

(f) Identify the methods to be used to minimize impact to aquatic life.
Comment: Woolsey reports that they anticipate injecting 7.5 million gallons of Frac fluid in part (d) of this section. But their onsite capacity for flowback is identified as 126,000 gallons. How can 7.5 million gallons come back as 126,000? Woolsey has no back up plan if this storage capacity proves too small.

(g) Identify the methods to be used to minimize withdrawals as much as feasible.

Comment: Woolsey states that it is “not in the interest of the applicant to overuse water in the HVHHF process” but it nowhere in their comments do they explain the methods it will use to minimize withdrawals. One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

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**Section 11 Well Site Safety Plan**

The Schematic of Well Pad & HVHHF Flow Back Operations in Figure 2.1 shows 3 flow back fluid storage tanks. By contrast, the Water Source Management Plan lists 6 flow back fluid storage tanks, each with a 21,000 gallon capacity. If the schematic correct, on site storage for flow back fluid is reduced to 63,000 gallons.

**Comments and Questions:**
- Which is correct?
- Regardless of which is correct, see the comment made in section 9(f). When Woolsey anticipates 7.5 million gallons of frac fluid, have they demonstrated that their proposed flowback storage is adequate?
- Figure 2-4: Site Waterways Setback on Page 14 states it is 3700' to the nearest perennial stream. The original Well Site Setback plan illustrates at least 5 "non-perennial streams". Who designates these streams as "non-perennial" and what precautions is Woolsey proposing to ensure safety regarding these streams?

Page 117 of the 164 page Well Site Safety Plan has a table listing examples of "Permissible Heat Exposure TLV" (Threshold Limit Values).

**Comment/Question:** Will adequate personnel be on duty at all appropriate times to accommodate this schedule?

Concerning Attachment E: Fugitive Dust Control Plan:

**Comments/Questions:**
- Note: There are multiple mentions of "observed", "substantial fugitive dust". Is there a definition of "substantial fugitive dust"?
- Section 2.7 "Dust Control On Paved Roads" – What provisions have been made to ensure the "Wheel Wash" they describe will be installed and monitored at the location named?

Section 2.10 “Control of Other Air Emissions”: Under the heading “Appropriate emission”, it states that "Low-Sulfur Diesel will be used when possible."
Comment/Question:

Who and what determines when it is possible? IDNR should require they burn Low-Sulfur Diesel at all times. Availability is not an issue.

Section 12: The Containment Plan

Page 2 of this section states: “During flow back operations the tanks located within the area of the wellsite will also be surrounded by a dike capable of holding 150% of the total volume of the single largest container or tank within a common secondary containment area. The secondary containment will be inspected as required by 245.820.”

Comment:

The potential volume of flow back fluid should be the determinate of dyke size, not the volume of any single container on site to temporarily hold flow back fluids.

Section 12: Casing & Cementing Plan

Page 2 of this section states: “Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present.”

Comments/Questions

- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
- How will this be documented?

The Woolsey addendum goes on to state: “Pursuant to 245.550, prior to drilling out the casing shoe, a Blow Out Preventer (BOP) shall be installed on the well by certified personal” (sic). “Prior to testing the BOP, IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present when the tests are performed.

Comments/Questions

- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
- How will this be documented?

On the bottom of page 2 and continuing onto page 3 of this section, the addendum states: “Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR's District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present.”

Comments/Questions

- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
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On page 3 of this section, the addendum states: “Prior to testing the casing the IDNR's District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present. The casing will be tested using brine to fill the casing and pressure tested to 70% of its minimum internal yield for 30 minutes.

Comments/Questions:
Will IDNR have an inspector present?
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Section 16: Public Notice

Page 1 of this section states: “If necessary, a public hearing is scheduled for the 02 day of August, 2017.”

Comments/Questions:
- Who determines if it is “necessary”?
- Who will be allowed to testify? What type of testimony will be allowed?
- Are there parameters in place for such a hearing? If yes, What are they?
The Woolsey application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit is the first application since the passage of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act on 6/17/13. As such, it is a critical test case in how the IDNR will address future permit applications and comments by the public.

I am writing to urge IDNR to deny the Woolsey HVHHF #000001 application for a variety of reasons, not the least of which include, but aren’t limited to:

1. Overarching generalities and deficiencies in the application,
2. Specific concerns about deficiencies where information IS provided,
3. Failure to address a mounting body of evidence in the scientific community on the risks and harms associated with fracking that has come to light since the passage of the Illinois Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act on 6/17/13. Specifically, the NY Compendium of Scientific, Medical and Media Findings, 4th edition, has 924 citations on the risks and harms of fracking, 692 of which have been published since the passage of the HFRA.

Please see my comments below. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Brittany Alsot

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**Comment #1:**

**Water Source Management Plan- Document 9**

**Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals** One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will employ to minimize groundwater withdrawals and, even worse, fails to indicate that the applicant undertook any effort at all to consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations.

This is a special concern in this Application where the Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit over-consumption. Further supporting this concern is the fact that the Applicant’s proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This quantity is a full 50% greater than what the Department itself considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of from “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”

No justification is given by the Applicant for this exceptionally large water use or why it should not be deemed wasteful in violation of Illinois’ reasonable use doctrine for groundwater withdrawals. Such exceptionally large water consumption is particularly significant in
White County, as this water will be removed from three (3) groundwater wells located in fairly shallow sand and gravel aquifers that can be rapidly depleted. Illinois has already had two significant droughts in the last 10 years. The Woolsey application indicates it plans on withdrawing the bulk of its water in the summer months when drought conditions and aquifer depletion are at their highest.

The Applicant’s failure to address its minimization duty is further compounded by its apparent failure to consider use of recycled water for its operation. Its only consideration of recycled water use is a single sentence in its Water Source Management Plan that “Backflow will not commence until injection in all frac stages has been completed, thus there will be no opportunity for use of recycled water in the hydraulic fracture completion.”

Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.

The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

Comment #2:

Wellsite Safety Plan- Document 11

Safety Considerations of the General Public- There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.

Comment #3:

Water Quality Monitoring Plan

Inadequate Water Quality Monitoring Plan- The HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring is over six pages in length and is specific as to what is required in an approvable plan. The applicant plan is completely inadequate in addressing everything required for in the HFRA. For example, the applicant’s monitoring plan does not identify a single specific sampling point. Similarly the groundwater section is also generic. This is unacceptable and the application should be denied on this basis.
Dear Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff,

I am writing to encourage you to deny the request for fracking permit (HVHHF-000001) requested by Woolsey Operating Company of Wichita Kansas to begin fracking at a site just north of Enfield Illinois. This site is very near, if not over, the active Wabash Valley Seismic Zone. Any permitted fracking should only be on condition that all (ALL) damage caused by earthquakes in the are be paid for by Woolsey Operating.

When fracking began in Oklahoma, the incidence of earthquakes exploded exponentially. With the also very active New Madrid Seismic fault line running through southern Illinois and the Wabash Valley Seismic Zone so very close, it goes against every grain of common sense to endanger the public with the threat of serious earthquakes by permitting this action.

Thank you for considering the health and well-being of the people of the state of Illinois before the interests of out of state gas companies who wish to cause those people serious harm.

Sincerely,

Lorie Allen
Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

I urge you to protect Illinois' natural resources and our public health and safety by denying Woolsey Operating Company LLC's well permit application (HVHHF Review #: 000001).

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy Allison
Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Esther Allman
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Sincerely,

Ms. Melanie Allsup
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Lynda Ancell <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 2:18 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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It is time for us to move away from harmful and dangerous practices in the pursuit of energy and to move to safe, clean, sustainable forms of energy.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Lynda Ancell
Illinois Department of Natural Resources Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff,

RE: Comments on Review Number HVHHF-000001

Please consider the following comments in your review of a High Volume Horizontal Hydraulic Fracturing permit application submitted by Woolsey Operating Company for well identification number Woodrow #1H-310408-193 in White County, Illinois.

Thank you,

Douglas T. Anderson
Farm Bureau Certified Manager
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Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

I am writing these comments in regards to the application from Woolsey Operating Company, LLC for a permit under the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA), assigned to Review Number HVHHF-000001. The proposed well (Woodrow #1H-310408-193) in White County, Illinois would threaten public health and safety and the permit application contains a number of issues highlighted below.

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Sincerely,

Emily Altkorn

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Joseph Altura
Jun 17, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Sincerely,

Ms. Roberta Alvarado
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Sincerely,

Ms. Nancy Amhaz
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Sincerely,

Annette Anderson
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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Bruce Anderson <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 4:11 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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We cannot breath methane by-products or drink petroleum of fracking fluid. It is important to shut down this dangerous activity before it begins. Please deny this, and all other, fracking permit(s).

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Sincerely,

Mr. Bruce Anderson
Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

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Jun 18, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Ms. Candy Anderson
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Cindi Andersen <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 12:48 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:0001

Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Sincerely,

Neil Andersen

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Lenart Anderson
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Brown, Ronda

From: Lynn Anderson <automail@knowwho.com>  
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 3:08 PM  
To: DNR.HFPublicComments  
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Maria Anderson
Illinois Department of Natural Resources Oil & Gas Regulator Staff,

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Thank you,

Douglas T. Anderson  
Farm Bureau Certified Manager  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Mary Anderson
Jun 16, 2017

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Sincerely,

Kirk Andreas

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From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Sharron Andresen <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:11 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:0001

Jun 16, 2017

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Mr. Joseph Appell
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Mr. Gerald Antich
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As an Illinois resident, and home owner, I want to voice my concern about Fracking, not only in our region, but as a universal practice.

The process for doing this is invasive on the environment on so many levels, that I will do you a favor of not listing them all here -- instead I'll share this link highlighting just a few of the concerns for this specific permit. That can be found here.

These oil companies pump not only tons of toxic chemicals into the ground, they also use incredible volumes of water. Water that should belong to the people of these communities. Instead we are allowing oil companies literally pump poisons into their soils, which has a proven record of leaching into nearby groundwater and wells. Thus poisoning, the people who simply want to go about living their lives, in the homes that they have built.

Stop this aggressive act on our environment. Stop Fracking. Do not allow this permit to be approved.

Thank you.

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Chris Apap
Brown, Ronda

From: Donna Andrzejewski  
Sent You a Personal Message  
<automail@knowwho.com>

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 9:29 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Donna Andrzejewski
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With all due respect, I implore the DNR to deny this permit application.
To Whom it may concern,

I have been concerned that Fracking may come to Illinois. The fear of water misuse, at the cost of 7,000,000 gallons possible per frack, and the fear of water contamination per the chemical cocktail which creates the fracture compounded with the release of radiation from the earth, are to me irreconcilable with protection of citizens' health and welfare. No matter that only a few hundred persons' wells may be contaminated, many more after will suffer the anxiety that they will be the next to suffer a well in their vicinity.

The State which allows one well will endanger all its citizens. One well is the promise of many wells. Look no further than Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Nebraska to see damage that cannot be stopped. Not one well!

Sent from my iPad
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To whom it may concern,

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TO: Illinois Department Of Natural Resources  
Attention: Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff  
One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL 62702

SAFE (Southern Illinoisans Against Fracturing the Environment), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, on behalf of the individuals listed below, makes the following public comments concerning Woolsey Operating Company LLC's application for a high-volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing permit in Illinois, including its supplemental documents. The application is more fully described as follows:

HVHHF #1, White County  
IDNR Review Number HVHHF #000001  
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Information located online at: [https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/OilandGas/Pages/PendingPermitApplications.aspx](https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/OilandGas/Pages/PendingPermitApplications.aspx)

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A copy of this letter can be found at:

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Beyond all this, my sister's state of Oklahoma experiences earthquakes on a regular basis to a high degree because of the widespread fracking that has gone on in that state. Illinois does not need the geological instability that fracking clearly causes, nor does such an industry produce the level of jobs and tax revenue to compensate us and future generations for the enormous damage it does to our state. I urge you to reject the company's application for all the reasons stated above as well as for the reason that we are meant to be stewards of the land, not exploiters for economic gain.

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Sincerely,

Douglas Asbury
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Sincerely,

Ms. Candace Arthur
To Whom It May Concern regarding Review Number HVHHF-000001:

I am writing a public comment for the proposed permit of the Woodrow #1H-310408-193 well, under the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act.

I urge the IDNR to reject this permit and application from Woolsey Operating Company.

This fracking well will usher in an era of exploitation by fracking companies. This company is not based in Illinois, and its profits will not improve Illinois' economy. Rather, the fracking industry threatens the growing tourism industry in Southern Illinois and threatens its environment.

While fracking may create short-term jobs in the oil and gas industry, it is not a path toward long-term financial sustainability. Cycles of "boom and bust" come with a "bust," and Southern Illinois' residents should not suffer that bust at the cost of irreversible ecological damage, middling profits, and the risk of groundwater contamination. Anyone driving through Texas or Southwestern Pennsylvania can see the devastation of fracking wells.

As a longtime resident of Southern Illinois, I strongly feel that this well will actively harm the region's economy and residents. I have seen first-hand the devastation of fracking wells, and the deceptive tactics of fracking companies to hide these negative effects. The profits from these wells do not come back to the residents and the people who have to live with their consequences. Southern Illinois is a depressed area and people are in need of jobs. These short-term jobs created by the fracking industry are often taken by people coming into the region instead of the native people of our area. This is not a viable solution to create jobs in Illinois. We need to grow long term industry and jobs for the people of Southern Illinois.

Please do not open the door for fracking in Southern Illinois!

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Dominic Cittadino, DDS
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Sincerely,

Sienna Cittadino
Jun 29, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Ms. Megan Clapp
Jun 17, 2017

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Sincerely,

Ginevra Clark
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Brown, Ronda

From: Angela Clark [automail@knowwho.com] Sent You a Personal Message

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 7:34 PM

To: DNR.HFPublicComments

Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Sincerely,

Angela Clark

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Dear IDNR,

I am opposed to granting a fracking permit in the area of the Starved Rock State Park. I encourage the IDNR to reject this project and send a strong message in support of protecting this Park. Starved Rock State Park is a treasured area for recreation containing significant geologic formations, hiking trails, and other recreational activities. Its close proximity to Chicago and the metro area gives residents an unique place to vacation as well as attracts tourism to our state.

The environment is going to be a significant issue for citizens in Illinois and around the country in the coming years. I urge you and the Governor to be on the side of protecting our natural resources and the environment.

Sincerely,

Jessica Clarke
Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

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Krista Clarke-Brownstein

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Nancy Claus
Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Karen Clausen

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Glenn Clayton

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Dear IDNR Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff:

I am writing as a concerned Illinois citizen and member of CAPA - Chicago Area Peace Action, regarding the Woolsey Operating Company's application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit (HVHHF #000001).

The Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There are overarching generalities and deficiencies in the initial application and supplemental information, not to mention problems where information was actually provided. There are many concerning omissions in both the supplemental information and the original application.
I am concerned about Woolsey’s capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete initial application to engage in high volume horizontal fracking. Woolsey should NOT be given a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois -- Southern Illinoisans' water supplies, health, safety, and livelihoods are on the line.

Sincerely,
Carter Cleland
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Kelly Clifton
To the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Attention: Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff

I would like to submit a public comment to voice my strong opposition to the application by Woolsey Operating Company, LLC, for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing permit (Review Number HVHHF-000001). There are numerous reasons to oppose this application. The Environmental Protection Agency, says that fracking can negatively impact our drinking water.

The United States Geological Survey has found that fracking can cause earthquakes.

And over 200 peer reviewed studies have shown fracking to be a threat to the general public's health and safety.

With so much information regarding the many dangers of fracking, I believe that it is irresponsible and negligent to permit Woolsey to risk the lives and livelihoods of the people of Southern Illinois with their reckless quest for profits and I ask that you deny their request for a fracking permit.

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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Larry Coble <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:42 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 20, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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We do not need fracked gas to increase our ability to produce power. It is time to complete the transition to renewable energy for power generation. Plus, we need to find a fuel source to replace it for home heating such as widespread implementaion of geo thermal.

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Neil Codell

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In 2013, after a highly contentious and involved period of negotiations among legislators, state agencies, the Industry, and the environmental community, a complex, comprehensive statute became law with respect to high volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing operations. This was followed by comprehensive regulations by the IDNR where the same parties participated. The statute and the regulations are the result of input by all parties which were ultimately agreed upon.

Woolsey Operating Company, LLC, an established oil and gas company with a long track record of development and operations, has now filed the first application under the statute and the regulations for a high volume horizontal hydraulic fracture operation well. Woolsey should be given every opportunity to submit and pursue an application based upon the objective standards of the statute and regulations. The debate as to the propriety of high volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing operations should not color the application process. This debate is over and has been addressed by the applicable statute and regulations. The application process should be allowed to be pursued based upon the defined and objective criteria of the statute and regulations and without emotion, hysteria, and incorrect assertions with respect to the fracturing process.
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Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Coggins

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Brown, Ronda

From: Jane Cogie  
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 2:57 PM  
To: DNR.HFPublicComments  
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Bob Cohen

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Oil & Gas Regulatory Staff,

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Jack Cohen
Brown, Ronda

From: Joel Cohen  
Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 10:15 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
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Joel Cohen
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Regarding the Woolsey application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit (HVHHF #000001). Please deny the permit based on the reasons below.

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Lincoln P. Cohen
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Dawn Colbert

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Hillary Colby
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Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:11 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:0001

Jun 16, 2017

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Ms. Clifola Coleman
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Best,
Linda Coleman

"On with the dance, let joy be unconfined . . . " (Mark Twain)
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Ms. Kathleen Colton
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Patrick Comer

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Ms. Pat Condon
Department of Natural Resources

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Dennis Connolly

[Redacted]
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Fracking's infusion of money into local communities means nothing if the environment is degraded. There is general agreement it will be degraded; it's a question only of degree and duration. There is abundant evidence of earthquakes, radiation and methane emissions, the unsightly industrialization of the countryside with brightly lit wells running 24/7, the damage to roads under the burden of water trucks going to and from the wells, the always present danger from trying to safely manage and dispose of millions and millions of gallons of highly toxic frack water.

The common long term well being of the people of White County should be the cardinal consideration on whether to frack or not frack. Is the common good enhanced or degraded. I believe it may be enhanced short term but can only be degraded long term. There will be local money to be made but the vast bulk of money will go to out of state energy companies and distant big city banks who supply frackers with loans. All the health risks and quality of life risks, perhaps for generations to come, will be ours. Thank you very much!

There's a Greek term "Phyrric victory" which according to Wikipedia is named after king Pyrrhus of Epirus who defeated the Romans in a battle in 280 BC. The Greeks won but lost a greater percentage of soldiers than the larger Roman army. The Greek historian Plutarch commenting on the battle said: "If we are victorious in one more battle with the Romans we shall be utterly ruined."

Let's hope that if fracking wins the battle in White County it doesn't ultimately mean our utter ruin.

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mc@mattcotten.com
Jun 17, 2017

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Respectfully,
Elizabeth Coughlin
Illinois Resident

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DNR Public Comment,

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From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Kathy Cowan <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:18 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:0001

Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Helen Cox

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Brown, Ronda

From: Ron
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:09 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comments re: HVHHF #000001
Attachments: Public Comments re HVHHF 000001--7-25-17 IL.pdf

Dear IDNR Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff:

I am writing as a concerned citizen and member of Progressive Democrats of America, Chicago Area Peace Action, and Lake St. Church of Evanston Peace and Justice Committee regarding the Woolsey Operating Company's application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit (HVHHF #000001).

I do not believe that we should be doing fracking at this time when there is inadequate scientific information on the LONG TERM safety of fracking. The situation in Oklahoma certainly creates great skepticism about the safety.

Regardless of the safety issue, the use of water should be of great concern. Across the world, it is widely held that wars over securing water are almost inevitable in the not too distant future and we allow fracking companies to take our water, pollute it, and dispose of it FOREVER into the ground, possibly polluting current ground water. This a very short-sighted search for profits at the expense of future generations. It is not sustainable in a time when we currently have a glut of fossil fuels. We must promote sustainable development.

The Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There are overarching generalities and deficiencies in the initial application and supplemental information, not to mention problems where information was actually provided. The attached comments highlight areas of deficiency and concerning omissions in both the supplemental information and the original application.

I am concerned about Woolsey’s capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete initial application to engage in high volume horizontal fracking.

I strongly believe that Woolsey should not be given a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois -- Southern Illinoisans' water supplies, health, safety, and livelihoods are on the line.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ron Cox
Brown, Ronda

From: Ron [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 2:55 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comments re: HVHHF #000001

Dear IDNR Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff:

I am writing you regarding Public Comments re: HVHHF #000001 because of my very deep concern about the long term impact of FRACKING. A number of areas have been heavily damaged by fracking and we must avoid the same situation here.

I believe that if the IDNR is really concerned about fracking that you would actually create a public discourse on the issue. One of the best ways to do so is to have IDNR-sponsored public showings in at least a dozen different locations around the state. Ideally they would be shown in each and every county with a number of showings in the more populous counties. The movies to be shown should include Josh Fox's Gasland I and Gasland II. Would be informative to see how they fit into the overall problem of climate change by adding in How to Let go of the World. I do not believe that any person making a decision should make that decision before viewing and discussing all three movies. The Gasland movies focus specifically on fracking.

I would hope that you would be looking at the VERY long-term and future generations and not just quick profits and jobs in the here and now that may create catastrophic situations for future generation.

Dr. Ron Cox

http://www.howtoletgomerovie.com/

HOW TO LET GO OF THE WORLD - A Film by Josh Fox

www.howtoletgomerovie.com

In How to Let Go of the World and Love All The Things Climate Can't Change, Oscar Nominated director Josh Fox (GASLAND) continues in his deeply personal style ...
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Ron Cox <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 12:41 PM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Jody Coss
Brown, Ronda

From: Elizabeth Crowley  
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 6:14 PM  
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Susan Crowley
Brown, Ronda

From: Leuise Crumble
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 7:59 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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From: Christina Crusius - Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 3:04 PM
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Jun 18, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
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Jul 17, 2017

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Sincerely,

Ms. Nancy Cullerton
Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

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From:	Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Scott Cummings <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent:	Friday, June 16, 2017 3:41 PM
To:	DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject:	[External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Sincerely,

Elda Cunningham

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Brown, Ronda

From: Jennifer Cunningham <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 3:37 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Jun 26, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Jun 17, 2017

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Please!
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Thank you,
Ron Cutshall

Sent from my iPhone
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Jun 19, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

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Jun 17, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Helen Ehrensperger <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 8:13 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 17, 2017

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Mrs. Helen Ehrensperger
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Barbara Eiserman
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Please do not frack. There are health consequences to this practice and other alternatives to the energy that would be produced. The cost will be prohibitive in the end with medical pay outs. Don't ruin our environment, thank you from all current and future generations.

Barbara G. Elam, MS, LCPC
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Ms. Mary Eliades
Submitted to DNR.HFPublicComments@illinois.gov

The following comments are offered in regard to the fracking application of Woolsey Operating Company, HVHHF#000001. Illinois has been damaged from inadequately regulated coal mining, coal combustion, gas, and oil extraction for decades. Do not add to the health and environmental burdens of citizens to appease the profit margin of this company.

My interaction with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Mines and Minerals, during the application, approval, and construction of Deer Run Mine by Hillsboro Energy LLC in Hillsboro, Illinois is the basis for this request to deny this fracking application. IDNR represents industrial interests over the health and quality of life of residents as would certainly happen with fracking.

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Thank you,

Mary Ellen DeClue
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William Elsner
Dear IDNR Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff:

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Hassan El-Tayyab
Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Mr. Hassan Eltayyab
Oil & Gas Regulatory Staff,

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Elizabeth Emmel
Jun 17, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Sincerely,
Kathy Engert
ONE Northside/Fair Economy Illinois

**COMMENTS**
Specific comments included below reference the documents contained in the Woolsey Permit Application HVHHF-000001 and are in relation to the regulations outlined in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act, 225 ILCS 732, unless otherwise indicated.

**COMMENTS**

**Directional Drilling Plan- Document 3**
1. **Directional Drilling Plan**- The drilling lengths and depths submitted in the Plan do not match the depth in the scaled cross-section. There is also a discrepancy in angle of the non-vertical portion of the wellbore. If Woolsey cannot provide accurate information in their application, how can we trust them to drill in our state?

**Underground Freshwater Information- Document 4**
2. **Inadequate Determination of Underground Freshwater** - **No Geological Survey Data submitted**- Section 245.210(a)(5) requires reference to the Illinois State Geological Survey with regard to its proposed drilling. This is critical to insure that freshwater will not be contaminated. Woolsey has failed to provide this information.
3. **Inadequate Evidence to Establish the Lowest Potential Fresh Water** - Again, Woolsey has failed to provide this information. As such a clear potential exists that fresh water could exist below the drilling depth in a lower formation.

**HVHHF Operations Plan - Document 5**

4. **Failure to Clearly Identify Formation to be Stimulated** - The permit fails to clearly identify the formation that will be stimulated or fracked by the operation other than to state that the “drilling objective” is the New Albany Shale but later refers to the “objective” being the “Grassy Creek” shale and, later still, describes the “reservoir zone”, and the Semier Shale as the “frac barrier.” These terms are not synonymous and therefore both confusing and inadequate.

5. **Failure to Clearly Identify the Confining Zone** - Section 245.210(a)(6) requires the Applicant to specifically identify and describe the formation or formations that constitute the “confining zone” for the proposed well. The application fails to meet this requirement. In fact, it fails to use this term at all in its application.

6. **Missing Data** - There is no information, data, or calculations supplied on either a micro-seismic study or the “historic” use to support whether the identification of the “frac barriers” is technically sound. The application contains no information on which a reliable conclusion can be reliably drawn regarding a confining zone or “frac barrier” and the Application is therefore inadequate and must be denied.

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9. **Missing Data** - Surface Training Pressure Range - This information is entirely missing.

10. **No information on the Vertical Propagation of Fractures** - One of the most important safety features established in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the requirement that the susceptibility for vertical propagation of fractures in the confining zone and the formations contributing to that zone, are accurately determined and stated in the application, Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). The Document completely fails to satisfy this safeguard. The singular sentence it does provide fails to articulate a conclusion that the well plans are adequate and effective. On this basis alone, the permit should be denied.

11. **Missing Data** - No information on extent, water or water source, is provided for any formation and no thickness information is provided for the three formations constituting the New Albany Shale.

12. **Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking** - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHHF wells is a major public health and safety concern and is therefore a specific requirement for analysis in Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). However, no specific information or reliable analysis on this important feature is provided in the Document. No information on the scope, lateral extent, depth or sophistication of this survey is provided.

**Chemical Disclosure Report - Document 7**

13. **Chemical Disclosure Plan** - The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on “Composition/Information on Ingredients” lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:

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   2) Fatty acids (5-10% of total mixture),
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4) Acetylenic alcohol (1-5% of total mixture).

All four of these constituent chemicals have their Chemical Abstract Service Number concealed on the Safety Data Sheet for the stated reason of “Trade Secret.”

**Water Source Management Plan- Document 9**

14. Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals

One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will employ to minimize groundwater withdrawals and, even worse, fails to indicate that the applicant undertook any effort at all to consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations.

This is a special concern in this Application where the Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit over-consumption. Further supporting this concern is the fact that the Applicant’s proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This quantity is a full 50% greater than what the Department itself considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of from “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”

No justification is given by the Applicant for this exceptionally large water use or why it should not be deemed wasteful in violation of Illinois’ reasonable use doctrine for groundwater withdrawals. Such exceptionally large water consumption is particularly significant in White County, as this water will be removed from three (3) groundwater wells located in fairly shallow sand and gravel aquifers that can be rapidly depleted. Illinois has already had two significant droughts in the last 10 years. The Woolsey application indicates it plans on withdrawing the bulk of its water in the summer months when drought conditions and aquifer depletion are at their highest.

The Applicant’s failure to address its minimization duty is further compounded by its apparent failure to consider use of recycled water for its operation. Its only consideration of recycled water use is a single sentence in its Water Source Management Plan that “Backflow will not commence until injection in all frac stages has been completed, thus there will be no opportunity for use of recycled water in the hydraulic fracture completion.”

Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.
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15. Will there be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site- The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will involve three water wells to supply 7,500,000 gallons of water for the base fluid of the hydraulic fracturing operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7:

The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHHF water supply wells) and a surface water body (a stock pond). A fourth potentially required water supply well may be drilled, and, if completed, will be included in this monitoring program. (emphasis added)

Apparently, Woolsey does not intend to be bound by its Water Source Management Plan and reserves discretion to modify it for its own undisclosed purposes in a manner that might increase its already high levels of water consumption. However, the clear intent of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is to make these plans binding. Accordingly, the Department should require that the reference highlighted above to a possible fourth well be deleted from the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and the Applicant expressly limited to the three wells proposed in the Water Source Management Plan, provided a valid consideration of minimization methods and alternatives does not reduce that number even further (see previous comment).

Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10

16. Inadequate information on Fracturing Fluids- The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of information and either completely neglects or is patently vague on numerous items of required information. Equally unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required by paragraph (b) of the Department’s form regarding fracturing fluid is provided as the only information stated in the Applicant’s plan is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information on “injection schedule, flow rate, reuse volume, storage, any treatment and total volume in detail.”

17. Unrealistic Rate of Flowback Recovery Proposed- The application states an anticipated 4-5,000 barrels of flowback will be recovered but fails to give information on how this number was calculated. The number proposed in the application is 2.8% of the total estimated to be utilized. This is substantially less (5.4 to 7.1 times less) than the average amount of flowback highlighted by the Ohio DNR for fracking, which is 15-20% of the total volume used. If the Ohio numbers are correct, Woolsey will have dramatically underestimated it’s needs for storage capacity and transport. Woolsey must be required to quantify how it arrived at its numbers or be denied a permit on this basis.

18. Inadequate Information on Storage Tanks- The application states that the storage tanks will meet the qualities for the “purpose built.” There is no identification as to the number of storage tanks, which will be critical in light of the above comment, nor is there information on the rate/frequency for emptying the tanks. These are all inadequate.
19. **No Testing Plan for Flowback Water**- This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.

20. **Use of Earthen Containment Berms**- The plan states that the flowback storage tanks will be “enclosed by earthen containment berms which will be of sufficient size to contain all of the possible flow back fluid temporary storage volume.” No information is provided regarding the engineering properties or layout of these earthen berms. Earthen berms are inadequate for site containment. And, as identified in previous comments, if the flowback calculation is closer to Ohio DNR’s numbers, the storage proposed will be completely inadequate.

**Wellsite Safety Plan - Document 11**

21. **No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale”**- Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety Plan addresses Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (“NORM”). This section limits the drill cuttings to be tested for radioactivity to “black shale.” Although this phrase is used in the regulations, it is not defined there or in the Safety Plan, nor at any other point in the Application. Accordingly, what is considered the “black shale” subject to this testing requirement is unspecified. The Plan should therefore be amended to identify the specific geologic formations that the Applicant considers to be “black shale,” in the vicinity of its proposed well, including the formation depth, so the extent of sampling will be clear.

22. **Safety Considerations of the General Public**- There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.

**Containment Plan - Document 12**

23. The **Containment Plan is completely inadequate**. It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments on the inadequacy of the “earthen containment berms and the lack of specificity in the number of containment tanks especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.

**Casing and Cementing Plan - Document 13**

24. **Missing Information in the Casing and Cementing Plan**- The casing and cementing plan does not address the requirements labeled in Document 13 regarding the potential for earthquakes. The application is therefore incomplete and must either be amended by the applicant or denied by IDNR. Furthermore, the casing and cementing plan is completely inadequate to meet Illinois’ regulations. It does not include the detail required by the HFRA and cannot be approved without this critical information.

**Traffic Management Plan - Document 14**

25. **Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River**- The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.

**Proof of Insurance - Document 18**

26. **The Certificate of insurance is insufficient** to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

**Failure to Specify Earthquake or Floodplain Hazard**

27. **Specification of Earthquake area or floodplain missing or inadequate**- The Department’s form requires the applicant to identify whether the insured wells site location is in a define earthquake area or a regulatory floodplain. The Application meets neither requirement.

**Topsoil Preservation Plan - Document 19**
28. **Topsoil Plan Inadequate** - The Department’s form requires that the Topsoil Preservation Plan must be provided with “detail.” (“Please detail the plan to stockpile, stabilize . . . any topsoil and subsoil . . .”). No information is provided as to the amount of soil (top or sub) that will be stockpiled. The level of negligible detail that IS provided, seems more like an effort to expend the least possible effort and expense in handling the soil by just spreading it around the site. Accordingly, it does not appear to be a “preservation” plan at all given this lack of detail.

**Water Quality Monitoring Plan**

29. **Inadequate Water Quality Monitoring Plan** - The HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring is over six pages in length and is specific as to what is required in an approvable plan. The applicant plan is completely inadequate in addressing everything required for in the HFRA. For example, the applicant’s monitoring plan does not identify a single specific sampling point. Similarly the groundwater section is also generic. This is unacceptable and the application should be denied on this basis.

30. **Data Analysis Procedure Plan Inadequate** - The laboratory tests require an interpretation of the test results and for that purpose, the Applicant concludes its Water Quality Monitoring Plan with a section titled “Data Analysis Procedures.” The Section is completely generic and does not actually provide such analytic procedures, thus rendering the Application incomplete. Instead of supplying an actual data analysis plan, the Applicant merely states that “the method to be used under this plan is based on (emphasis added) U.S. EPA methodology established for the assessment of contaminants in environmental samples, and is described in Chapter 9 of U.S. EPA publication 846. We plan to use a data analysis plan based on that methodology.” Accordingly, no plan is proposed that can be evaluated during the public comment period and the Application is incomplete. There is no valid reason why such a plan cannot be presented for comment now. Without it, the application must be denied.

31. **Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan is not “independent”** - The "Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan" calls for an "independent third party" to collect and sample water to establish baseline measurements of water quality and quantity. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan also tasks an "independent third party" to collect and sample water for years into the future. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan application states Shawnee Professional Services will collect water samples to establish baseline measurements. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan application also states Shawnee Professional Services will collect water samples for years into the future. There can be no greater public interest than the monitoring of water quality & quantity. The public must depend on IDNR to protect its interests. Shawnee Professional Services has a conflict of interest. Mitch Garret owner of Shawnee Professional Services was a founder of a pro fracking group formed in Johnson County to fight the non - binding resolution "A Community Bill of Rights" in the spring of 2014. The pro fracking group felt so threatened by the non - binding "A Community Bill of Rights" resolution that one of its first acts was to "convince" The Vienna Times newspaper, three weeks prior to the vote, to refuse all anti fracking advertisement, articles and letters to the editor. To leave the ultimate "public interest" in the hands of a company owned by Mitch Garret is to not understand the meaning of independent third party.

**Radioactive Materials Management- Document 25**

32. **Lack of Clarification on “Black Shale” subject to sampling** - As stated in the previous comments under Document 11, the Wellsite Safety Plan, the phrase “black shale” is not defined in the regulations and the extent of sampling thereof is uncertain. Please confirm what geologic formations you consider to be in the “black shale” that will be tested pursuant to this requirement.

33. **Need to Clarify If Filters Will Be Used and Tested for Radioactivity** - One of the most serious sources for radioactive contamination is from filters used at hydraulic fracturing sites and disposal sites. No mention is made of filters in the Application or of the specific type of equipment to be used...
on-site. The Applicant must state whether any filters will be utilized on-site and if so, how they will be managed.

Bond- Document 27
34. Insufficient bond- The bond amount identified in the application is in the amount of $50,000 which is the amount for a single well, not a blanket bond. In the approximate center of the bond is a box captioned with: “ONLY COMPLETE IF BOND IS FOR INDIVIDUAL WELL OR PERMIT.” The information to be entered in this box for an individual well gives locational and identifying information for the well covered, but the Applicant fails to provide any of that information. The Applicant must either provide a new Bond with this information or provide an explanation for why the Bond is incomplete and does not identify the well addressed in the Application.

Section 09 Water Source Management Plan

(f) Identify the methods to be used to minimize impact to aquatic life.

Comment: Woolsey reports that they anticipate injecting 7.5 million gallons of Frac fluid in part (d) of this section. But their onsite capacity for flowback is identified as 126,000 gallons. How can 7.5 million gallons come back as 126,000? Woolsey has no back up plan if this storage capacity proves too small.

(g) Identify the methods to be used to minimize withdrawals as much as feasible.

Comment: Woolsey states that it is “not in the interest of the applicant to overuse water in the HVHHF process” but it nowhere in their comments do they explain the methods it will use to minimize withdrawals. One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements and the supplemental material provided does nothing to rectify this deficiency. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will employ to minimize groundwater withdrawals and, even worse, fails to indicate that the applicant undertook any effort at all to consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations.

The Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and, therefore, does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit over-consumption. Further supporting this concern is the fact that the Applicant’s proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This quantity is a full 50% greater than what the Department itself
considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of from “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”

No justification is given in either the original application or the Supplemental Data by the Applicant for this exceptionally large water use or why it should not be deemed wasteful in violation of Illinois' reasonable use doctrine for groundwater withdrawals. Such exceptionally large water consumption is particularly significant in White County, as this water will be removed from three (3) groundwater wells located in fairly shallow sand and gravel aquifers that can be rapidly depleted. Illinois has already had two significant droughts in the last 10 years. The Woolsey application indicates it plans on withdrawing the bulk of its water in the summer months when drought conditions and aquifer depletion are at their highest.

**Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans.** If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

**Section 11 Well Site Safety Plan**

The Schematic of Well Pad & HVHHF Flow Back Operations in Figure 2.1 shows 3 flow back fluid storage tanks. By contrast, the Water Source Management Plan lists 6 flow back fluid storage tanks, each with a 21,000 gallon capacity. If the schematic correct, on site storage for flow back fluid is reduced to 63,000 gallons.

- **Comments and Questions:**
  - Which is correct?
  - Regardless of which is correct, see the comment made in section 9(f). When Woolsey anticipates 7.5 million gallons of frac fluid, have they demonstrated that their proposed flowback storage is adequate?
  - Figure 2-4: Site Waterways Setback on Page 14 states it is 3700' to the nearest perennial stream. The original Well Site Setback plan illustrates at least 5 "non-perennial streams". Who designates these streams as "non-perennial" and what precautions is Woolsey proposing to ensure safety regarding these streams?

Page 117 of the 164 page Well Site Safety Plan has a table listing examples of "Permissible Heat Exposure TLV" (Threshold Limit Values).

- **Comment/Question:** Will adequate personnel be on duty at all appropriate times to accommodate this schedule?

Concerning Attachment E: Fugitive Dust Control Plan:

- **Comments/Questions:**
  - Note: There are multiple mentions of "observed", "substantial fugitive dust". Is there a definition of "substantial fugitive dust"?
  - Section 2.7 "Dust Control On Paved Roads" – What provisions have been made to ensure the “Wheel Wash” they describe will be installed and monitored at the location named?
Section 2.10 “Control of Other Air Emissions”: Under the heading “Appropriate emission”, it states that “Low-Sulfur Diesel will be used when possible.”

Comment/Question:
- Who and what determines when it is possible? IDNR should require they burn Low-Sulfur Diesel at all times. Availability is not an issue.

Section 12: The Containment Plan

Page 2 of this section states: “During flow back operations the tanks located within the area of the wellsite will also be surrounded by a dike capable of holding 150% of the total volume of the single largest container or tank within a common secondary containment area. The secondary containment will be inspected as required by 245.820.”

Comment:
- The potential volume of flow back fluid should be the determinate of dyke size, not the volume of any single container on site to temporarily hold flow back fluids.

Section 12: Casing & Cementing Plan

Page 2 of this section states: “Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present.”

Comments/Questions
- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
- How will this be documented?

The Woolsey addendum goes on to state: “Pursuant to 245.550, prior to drilling out the casing shoe, a Blow Out Preventer (BOP) shall be installed on the well by certified personal” (sic). “Prior to testing the BOP, IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present when the tests are performed.

Comments/Questions
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On the bottom of page 2 and continuing onto page 3 of this section, the addendum states: “Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present.”

Comments/Questions
- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
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On page 3 of this section, the addendum states: “Prior to testing the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present. The casing will be tested using brine to fill the casing and pressure tested to 70% of its minimum internal yield for 30 minutes.

Comments/Questions:
- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
- How will this be documented?

Section 16: Public Notice
Page 1 of this section states: “If necessary, a public hearing is scheduled for the 02 day of August, 2017….”

Comments/Questions:
- Who determines if it is “necessary”?
- Who will be allowed to testify? What type of testimony will be allowed?
- Are there parameters in place for such a hearing? If yes, What are they?
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Alice Englebretsen

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Ms. Elise English
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Linn Ennis
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Paula J. Enstrom, MSPH, RN
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Sincerely,

Ms. Marla Espeseth
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Amylynn Ephraim <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 2:20 PM
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Ms. Amylynn Ephraim
Brown, Ronda

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Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Rochelle and Thomas Epperson
Jun 19, 2017

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Sincerely,

Dr. Viktoria Erhardt
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Anna Ernst
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Natasha Erskine
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Mr. Richard Essex
Jul 26, 2017

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Section 09 Water Source Management Plan

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Comment:
The threshold of feasibility is not defined, making it impossible for IDNR to determine whether methods for water withdrawal minimization were adequate or even considered by the applicant.
The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This usage directly competes with and over 275,000 acres of private, agricultural operations and animal operations bringing over $9 million in revenue to the county.

No justification is given by the Applicant for the extreme volume of water proposed for use or why it should not be deemed wasteful in violation of Illinois' reasonable use doctrine for groundwater withdrawals.

Failure to address the extreme volume of water necessary for operations and to specify what minimization methods were used to determine the feasibility of sustained water usage against vulnerable users in the region presents a failure of the Water Source Management Plans.

Section 11 Well Site Safety Plan
Section 12: Casing & Cementing Plan

Section 12, Page 2: "Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR's District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present."
Comments/Questions
- Will IDNR ensure that inspectors are present at all settings and cementings of well casings?
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Page 1 of this section states: "If necessary, a public hearing is scheduled for the 02 day of August, 2017...."

Comments/Questions:

- Who determines if it is "necessary"?
- Who will be allowed to testify? What type of testimony will be allowed?
- Are there parameters in place for such a hearing? If yes, What are they?

I look forward to receiving your reply to these important questions before such a time as the permit is approved by the IDNR.

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Mr. Alexander Esche
Oil & Gas Regulatory Staff,

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Leota Ester
We are 100% against high volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing. This includes Woodrow No. 1H-310408-193 in White County.

While we appreciate the opportunity to comment, less than one day notice was an intentional attempt to allow as few as possible this opportunity.

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Mike and Becky Estel
Jun 17, 2017

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I believe fracking is dangerous for all involved. The environment, the people who live close (because of contamination), animals and future land value and health. If the chemicals can't (and don't have to) be listed or revealed, you know it's toxic.

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Due to more science established since the original regs were developed pointing out harm in many ways to vulnerable populations, children, childbearing parents. medical conditions and age factors among our citizens I question various social services should be considering the liability to engage evacuation of stated populations exposed to known risks.

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Zane Evans

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For what it is worth and not that I have much hope that the government will listen but I am strongly opposed to any fracking taking place in Southern Illinois. Our state can’t even handle meeting the basic expenses of education for its citizens and it will surely not be able to pay for the catastrophe that could happen with the various earthquakes fracking could produce. Instead it will be the people who make Southern Illinois their home that will have to pay more in insurance premiums to cover any devastation that takes place. An expense that will only grow with each occurrence putting an additional burden on already strapped citizens of Illinois.

I have personal experience with property we were trying to sell in Jefferson County only to have an oil company come through and basically destroy and then block off the road leading to the various lots. The company didn’t provide correction to the road destruction or provide money to us for the loss in potential income. Instead the people purchasing the property walked away from what they invested and we had to write off the cost held in those lots. I can only imagine this is what would happen with fracking. All damages and risk are born on the backs of the citizens who live in the area.

Plus, why do we need to take the additional risks by extracting the oil in a quicker manner? The oil is there, they can get to it the old fashion way and still make money.

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I do not believe that the benefits of fracking outweigh its detriments to the environment. Please do not approve the well permit application for Woolsey Operating Company LLC (HVHHF Review #000001).

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Bob Fairbairn
HVHHF #000001

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I am writing to urge IDNR to deny the Woolsey HVHHF #000001 application for a variety of reasons, not the least of which include, but aren’t limited to:

1. Failure to address a mounting body of evidence in the scientific community on the risks and harms associated with fracking that has come to light since the passage of the Illinois Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act on 6/17/13. Specifically, the NY Compendium of Scientific, Medical and Media Findings, 4th edition, has 924 citations on the risks and harms of fracking, 692 of which have been published since the passage of the HFRA.

2. Generalities and deficiencies in the application,

3. Specific concerns about deficiencies where information IS provided,

Those are my overall reservations but i have particular areas of grave concern:

Comment 1- HVHHF-000001

Data submitted- Section 245.210(a)(5) of HFRA requires reference to the Illinois State Geological Survey with regard to its proposed drilling. This is critical to insure that freshwater will not be contaminated. Woolsey has failed to provide this information.

Comment 2-HVHHF-000001
Missing Data - There is no information, data, or calculations supplied on either a micro-seismic study or the “historic” use to support whether the identification of the “frac barriers” is technically sound. The application contains no information on which a reliable conclusion can be reliably drawn regarding a confining zone or “frac barrier” and the Application is therefore inadequate and must be denied.

Comment 3-HVHHF-000001
No information on the Vertical Propagation of Fractures - One of the most important safety features established in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the requirement that the susceptibility for vertical propagation of fractures in the confining zone and the formations contributing to that zone, are accurately determined and stated in the application, Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). The Document completely fails to satisfy this safeguard. The singular sentence it does provide fails to articulate a conclusion that the well plans are adequate and effective. On this basis alone, the permit should be denied.

Comment 4-HVHHF-000001
Missing Data- No information on extent, water or water source, is provided for any formation and no thickness information is provided for the three formations constituting the New Albany Shale.

Comment 5 HVHHF-000001
Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHHF wells is a major public health and safety concern and is therefore a specific requirement for analysis in Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). However, no specific information or reliable analysis on this important feature is provided in the Document. No information on the scope, lateral extent, depth or sophistication of this survey is provided.

Comment 6-HVHHF-000001
Water Source Management Plan- Document 9 Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This
requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will employ to minimize groundwater withdrawals and, even worse, fails to indicate that the applicant undertook any effort at all to consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations.

This is a special concern in this Application where the Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit over-consumption. Further supporting this concern is the fact that the Applicant’s proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This quantity is a full 50% greater than what the Department itself considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of from “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”

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The Applicant’s failure to address its minimization duty is further compounded by its apparent failure to consider use of recycled water for its operation. Its only consideration of recycled water use is a single sentence in its Water Source Management Plan that “Backflow will not commence until injection in all frac stages has been completed, thus there will be no opportunity for use of recycled water in the hydraulic fracture completion.”

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The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

Because of all of my comments listed above but particularly because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, **the application must be denied** for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

Sincerely,

Diane Fager
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Jun 16, 2017

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Shirley Farano
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Jun 20, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Brown, Ronda

From: Erin Farlow [automail@knowwho.com] Sent You a Personal Message
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 2:39 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Clinton Feil <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:18 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 20, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Mr. Clinton Feil
Brown, Ronda

From: Sam Feinsmith Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 10:03 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Mr. Rich Fennema
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Sincerely,

Joshua Ferguson

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Jun 18, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Ms. Judy Fenza
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Sincerely,

Ms. Lisa Feriend
Dear Mr. Mankowski,

I am writing from Pennsylvania regarding HVHHF-000001, the Woolsey High Volume Fracking permit you are considering at present. Please take it from someone who lives in a state the world considers to be the negative role model on fracking that there is no conceivable benefit that would make fracking worth the devastation it causes. I have personally organized tours of the shale fields of Pennsylvania for media teams, political leaders, researchers, students, faith leaders, and others who want to see for themselves what fracking is doing to our state. I know people who have hosted visitors from more than 60 countries. What they have seen here has informed decisions to impose moratoria and bans more than once. In fact, officials from both New York to our north and Maryland to our south visited affected communities, turned on their heels, and imposed moratoria that have become bans in both states.

Pennsylvania is the subject of many of the more than 900 studies on fracking. When they’re not specific to our state, then they often include data collected here. We have learned a lot since former governor Ed Rendell made the foolish decision to open the state to fracking. There were only six studies then. Although I think it is unforgivable that he didn’t bother to commission a study before allowing the first well to go in, as New York did, he had almost no peer-reviewed research to rely on when making his decision. You have more than you could possibly need at this point. Fracking has already had profound effects on water quality, air quality, health, safety, quality of life, property values, economics, and the list goes on and on. We’ve learned a lot about fracking’s impact on climate since the early days of fracking, too. And the unfolding climate catastrophe is making it clear to all sensible people that we need to listen to climate scientists who tell us to leave fossil fuels in the ground. Given that methane is 86 times more powerful a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide is in the handful of years we have left to address climate change, any thoughts of commencing drilling anywhere on the planet are quite simply insane.

I could write a book on fracking. In fact, I was the advisor on the book *Fracking Pennsylvania* and have been involved in the writing of several other books and the making of some documentaries. I don’t need to go into any additional detail here, though, because I know some that you are receiving all of the sources I would share from the wonderful people trying to protect their state, sources like the *Compendium* from Concerned Health Professionals of New York and Physicians for Social Responsibility. The best thing I can offer is an invitation to you and your colleagues to come to Pennsylvania and see for yourselves what you would be doing to your state by allowing fracking to commence.

By the way, in case you’re wondering why it is that our own governors have allowed fracking to continue when it clearly makes such a grim impression on those who visit here, it’s simple. Not one sitting governor of Pennsylvania has had the guts to visit an impacted community. That, in and of itself, speaks volumes.

Respectfully,

Karen Feridun
Founder, Berks Gas Truth

Co-Founder, Pennsylvanians Against Fracking

Steering Committee Member, Americans Against Fracking

Steering Committee Member, Stop the Frack Attack Network
Jun 19, 2017

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Virginia Fett
Brown, Ronda

From: Carole Ferrill  
Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 6:33 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Sincerely,

Carole Ferrill

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Please reject HVHF-00003 from Woolsey Operating Company, LLC., due to possible effect of operation on seismically unstable geology of southern Illinois. Illinois does not need to join Arkansas, Missouri and other states in the increasing negative effects this extraction process creates. Any projected or theorized benefits of this operation are greatly outweighed by the possible losses to be expected by any appreciable increase in seismic activity, especially now when oil and gas commodity prices are historically low.

Thank you.

James Fialkowski
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of James Fialkowski <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:41 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 20, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Sincerely,

Mariola Fiedorczuk

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Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Mr. craig figtree
Brown, Ronda

From: Craig Figtree Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 3:06 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Sincerely,

Holly Fingerle
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Hello,
I am writing in reference to (HVHHF-000001) fracking in Illinois. I am strongly opposed to introducing fracking Woolsey High Volume Fracking permit application. My concerns include but are not limited to:

- Exceptionally large water withdrawals from groundwater resources are proposed that are very susceptible to depletion, and failure to recycle water or otherwise minimize water consumption.

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I strongly urge you deny permits for fracking in Illinois. The risk is too great. We need to protect our water supply.

Holly Fingerle

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
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The Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There are overarching generalities and deficiencies in the initial application and supplemental information, not to mention problems where information was actually provided. The attached comments highlight areas of deficiency and concerning omissions in both the supplemental information and the original application.

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This does not seem like a good idea.

Public Comments re: HVHHF #000001

Sincerely,

Michael Finnigan
Brown, Ronda

From: Holly Fingerle
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 10:01 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] HVHHF-000001

I am writing in reference to review number (HVHHF-000001).

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Public Comments re: HVHHF #000001

Sincerely,

Michael Finnigan

[Redacted]
Jun 22, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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To add:

We live between the Wabash Valley and New Madrid Earthquake zones. I’m extremely concerned that the state is knowingly risking my family and our community and subjecting us to increase seismic activities for oil and gas extraction. I believe that granting this permit is negligent and willful abdication of sworn duty to fulfill the duties of the IL constitution, and protect the health, safety and welfare of all citizens of IL.

Since the law was passed in 2013, the EPA has concluded that oil and gas activities due contaminate water supplies, and the USGS has determined that injection wells are linked to increased seismicity, and that Health professional have concluded that oil and gas activities are directly correlated to increased health issues in communities where fracking is occurring.


2) Recent research on Induced Seismicity https://profile.usgs.gov/myscience/upload_folder/ci2015Jun0413502655600EllsworthTLE.pdf

3) Health issues from unconventional gas and oil extraction The Compendium is a fully referenced compilation of the significant body of scientific, medical, and journalistic findings demonstrating risks and harms of fracking. Organized to be accessible to public officials, researchers, journalists, and the public at large, the Compendium succinctly summarizes key studies and other findings relevant to the ongoing public debate about unconventional methods of oil and gas extraction. http://concernedhealthny.org/compendium/

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Sincerely,

Ms. Karen Fiorino
Jun 16, 2017

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Ms. Lynne Firestone
Brown, Ronda

From: Ivy Firestone Sent You a Personal Message
<automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 11:41 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Ms. Anne Flanz
Brown, Ronda

From: Janice Flandreau
Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 5:40 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Brown, Ronda

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Saturday, May 27, 2017 8:54 PM  
To: DNR.HFPublicComments  
Subject: [External] Comment on HVHHF-000001

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Jacqui Foster

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Katherine Foreman
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Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

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Russell Foszcz
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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Sara Foszcz <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:48 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

In the 2017, it seems we would be happy to embrace everything that protects our planet - especially our precious water! It is a known fact that fracking has huge inherent risks and is dangerous for our water sources. Once our water is contaminated it destroys the planet and beings on land and in the water.

I urge you to protect Illinois' natural resources and our public health and safety by denying Woolsey Operating Company LLC's well permit application (HVHHF Review #: 000001).

Hundreds of studies have shown that the practice of hydraulic fracturing pollutes our air, water and soil with toxic, carcinogenic and radioactive materials.

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Mrs. Lisa Fowler-Kobylewski
I am writing on behalf of ONE Northside and Fair Economy Illinois regarding the The Woolsey application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit.

The Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There were overarching generalities and deficiencies in the application, not to mention problems where information was actually provided.

We continue to have a concern regarding Woolsey’s capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete initial application to engage in high volume horizontal fracking. They were essentially given an “open book” test with the passage of the HFRA and have demonstrated they still can’t pass that test without extensive help on the part of the Department, the environmental community and the public through written comments. We believe they have demonstrated that they lack both the capacity and willingness to comply with the law. As such, we assert that they should not be granted a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois.

Sincerely,

Monique M. Fouant

ONE Northside/Fair Economy Illinois

COMMENTS
Specific comments included below reference the documents contained in the Woolsey Permit Application HVHHF-000001 and are in relation to the regulations outlined in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act, 225 ILCS 732, unless otherwise indicated.

COMMENTS

Directional Drilling Plan- Document 3

1. Directional Drilling Plan- The drilling lengths and depths submitted in the Plan do not match the depth in the scaled cross-section. There is also a discrepancy in angle of the non-vertical portion of the wellbore. If Woolsey cannot provide accurate information in their application, how can we trust them to drill in our state?

Underground Freshwater Information- Document 4

2. Inadequate Determination of Underground Freshwater - No Geological Survey Data submitted- Section 245.210(a)(5) requires reference to the Illinois State Geological Survey with regard to its proposed drilling. This is critical to insure that freshwater will not be contaminated. Woolsey has failed to provide this information.

3. Inadequate Evidence to Establish the Lowest Potential Fresh Water - Again, Woolsey has failed to provide this information. As such a clear potential exists that fresh water could exist below the drilling depth in a lower formation.

HVHHF Operations Plan - Document 5

4. Failure to Clearly Identify Formation to be Stimulated - The permit fails to clearly identify the formation that will be stimulated or fracked by the operation other than to state that the “drilling objective” is the New Albany Shale but later refers to the “objective” being the “Grassy Creek” shale and, later still, describes the “reservoir zone”, and the Semier Shale as the “frac barrier.” These terms are not synonymous and therefore both confusing and inadequate.

5. Failure to Clearly Identify the Confining Zone - Section 245.210(a)(6) requires the Applicant to specifically identify and describe the formation or formations that constitute the “confining zone” for the proposed well. The application fails to meet this requirement. In fact, it fails to use this term at all in its application.
6. **Missing Data** - There is no information, data, or calculations supplied on either a micro-seismic study or the “historic” use to support whether the identification of the “frac barriers” is technically sound. The application contains no information on which a reliable conclusion can be reliably drawn regarding a confining zone or “frac barrier” and the Application is therefore inadequate and must be denied.

7. **Confusing Data** - The Role of the Selmier Shale is listed as both a “drilling objective” and a “frac barrier” (confining zone?) in the application. It cannot serve two purposes. It is either a drilling objective or a confining zone.

8. **Inadequate Information** - Fracturing Pressure - The fracturing pressure of the “producing zone” is given as 2,875 psi. Yet three separate formations are mentioned as “drilling objectives.” The same psi for all three would not be used.

9. **Missing Data** - Surface Training Pressure Range - This information is entirely missing.

10. **No information on the Vertical Propagation of Fractures** - One of the most important safety features established in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the requirement that the susceptibility for vertical propagation of fractures in the confining zone and the formations contributing to that zone, are accurately determined and stated in the application, Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). The Document completely fails to satisfy this safeguard. The singular sentence it does provide fails to articulate a conclusion that the well plans are adequate and effective. On this basis alone, the permit should be denied.

11. **Missing Data** - No information on extent, water or water source, is provided for any formation and no thickness information is provided for the three formations constituting the New Albany Shale.

12. **Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking** - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHHF wells is a major public health and safety concern and is therefore a specific requirement for analysis in Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). However, no specific information or reliable analysis on this important feature is provided in the Document. No information on the scope, lateral extent, depth or sophistication of this survey is provided.

**Chemical Disclosure Report - Document 7**

13. **Chemical Disclosure Plan** The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on “Composition/Information on Ingredients” lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:
1) Oxyalkylated alkylphenol (10-20% of total mixture),
2) Fatty acids (5-10% of total mixture),
3) Complex alkylaryl polyo-ester (5-10% of total mixture) and
4) Acetylenic alcohol (1-5% of total mixture).

All four of these constituent chemicals have their Chemical Abstract Service Number concealed on the Safety Data Sheet for the stated reason of “Trade Secret.”

**Water Source Management Plan- Document 9**

14. **Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals** One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application's Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will employ to minimize groundwater withdrawals and, even worse, fails to indicate that the applicant undertook any effort at all to consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations.

This is a special concern in this Application where the Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit over-consumption. Further supporting this concern is the fact that the Applicant’s proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This quantity is a full 50% greater than what the Department itself considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of from “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”

No justification is given by the Applicant for this exceptionally large water use or why it should not be deemed wasteful in violation of Illinois’ reasonable use doctrine for
groundwater withdrawals. Such exceptionally large water consumption is particularly significant in White County, as this water will be removed from three (3) groundwater wells located in fairly shallow sand and gravel aquifers that can be rapidly depleted. Illinois has already had two significant droughts in the last 10 years. The Woolsey application indicates it plans on withdrawing the bulk of its water in the summer months when drought conditions and aquifer depletion are at their highest.

The Applicant’s failure to address its minimization duty is further compounded by its apparent failure to consider use of recycled water for its operation. Its only consideration of recycled water use is a single sentence in its Water Source Management Plan that “Backflow will not commence until injection in all frac stages has been completed, thus there will be no opportunity for use of recycled water in the hydraulic fracture completion.”

Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.

The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

15. Will there be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site- The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will involve three water wells to supply 7,500,000 gallons of water for the base fluid of the hydraulic fracturing
operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7:

> The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHHF water supply wells) and a surface water body (a stock pond). A fourth potentially required water supply well may be drilled, and, if completed, will be included in this monitoring program. (emphasis added)

Apparently, Woolsey does not intend to be bound by its Water Source Management Plan and reserves discretion to modify it for its own undisclosed purposes in a manner that might increase its already high levels of water consumption. However, the clear intent of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is to make these plans binding. Accordingly, the Department should require that the reference highlighted above to a possible fourth well be deleted from the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and the Applicant expressly limited to the three wells proposed in the Water Source Management Plan, provided a valid consideration of minimization methods and alternatives does not reduce that number even further (see previous comment).

**Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10**

16. Inadequate information on Fracturing Fluids- The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of information and either completely neglects or is patently vague on numerous items of required information. Equally unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required by paragraph (b) of the Department’s form regarding fracturing fluid is provided as the only information stated in the Applicant’s plan is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information on “injection schedule, flow rate, reuse volume, storage, any treatment and total volume in detail.”

17. Unrealistic Rate of Flowback Recovery Proposed- The application states an anticipated 4-5,000 barrels of flowback will be recovered but fails to give information on how this number was calculated. The number proposed in the application is 2.8% of the total estimated to be utilized. This is substantially less (5.4 to 7.1 times less) than the average amount of flowback highlighted by the Ohio DNR for fracking, which is 15-20% of the total volume used. If the Ohio numbers are correct, Woolsey will have dramatically underestimated it’s needs for storage capacity and transport. Woolsey must be required to quantify how it arrived at its numbers or be denied a permit on this basis.

18. Inadequate Information on Storage Tanks- The application states that the storage tanks will meet the qualities for the “purpose built.” There is no identification as to the number of storage tanks, which will be critical in light of the above comment, nor is there information on the rate/frequency for emptying the tanks. These are all inadequate.
19. **No Testing Plan for Flowback Water** - This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.

20. **Use of Earthen Containment Berms** - The plan states that the flowback storage tanks will be “enclosed by earthen containment berms which will be of sufficient size to contain all of the possible flowback fluid temporary storage volume.” No information is provided regarding the engineering properties or layout of these earthen berms. Earthen berms are inadequate for site containment. And, as identified in previous comments, if the flowback calculation is closer to Ohio DNR’s numbers, the storage proposed will be completely inadequate.

**Wellsite Safety Plan - Document 11**

21. **No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale”** - Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety Plan addresses Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (“NORM”). This section limits the drill cuttings to be tested for radioactivity to “black shale.” Although this phrase is used in the regulations, it is not defined there or in the Safety Plan, nor at any other point in the Application. Accordingly, what is considered the “black shale” subject to this testing requirement is unspecified. The Plan should therefore be amended to identify the specific geologic formations that the Applicant considers to be “black shale,” in the vicinity of its proposed well, including the formation depth, so the extent of sampling will be clear.

22. **Safety Considerations of the General Public** - There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.

**Containment Plan - Document 12**

23. **The Containment Plan is completely inadequate.** It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments on the inadequacy of the “earthen containment berms and the lack of specificity in the number of containment tanks especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.

**Casing and Cementing Plan - Document 13**

24. **Missing Information in the Casing and Cementing Plan** - The casing and cementing plan does not address the requirements labeled in Document 13 regarding the potential for earthquakes. The application is therefore incomplete and must either be amended by the applicant or denied by IDNR. Furthermore, the casing and cementing...
plan is completely inadequate to meet Illinois’ regulations. It does not include the detail required by the HFRA and cannot be approved without this critical information.

**Traffic Management Plan- Document 14**

25. **Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River**- The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.

**Proof of Insurance- Document 18**

26. **The Certificate of insurance is insufficient** to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

**Failure to Specify Earthquake or Floodplain Hazard**

27. **Specification of Earthquake area or floodplain missing or inadequate**- The Department’s form requires the applicant to identify whether the insured wellsite location is in a define earthquake area or a regulatory floodplain. The Application meets neither requirement.

**Topsoil Preservation Plan- Document 19**

28. **Topsoil Plan Inadequate**- The Department’s form requires that the Topsoil Preservation Plan must be provided with “detail.” (“Please detail the plan to stockpile, stabilize . . . any topsoil and subsoil …”). No information is provided as to the amount of soil (top or sub) that will be stockpiled. The level of negligible detail that IS provided, seems more like an effort to expend the least possible effort and expense in handling the soil by just spreading it around the site. Accordingly, it does not appear to be a “preservation” plan at all given this lack of detail.

**Water Quality Monitoring Plan**

29. **Inadequate Water Quality Monitoring Plan**- The HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring is over six pages in length and is specific as to what is required in an approvable plan. The applicant plan is completely inadequate in addressing everything required for in the HFRA. For example, the applicant’s monitoring plan does not identify a
single specific sampling point. Similarly the groundwater section is also generic. This is unacceptable and the application should be denied on this basis.

30. **Data Analysis Procedure Plan Inadequate** - The laboratory tests require an interpretation of the test results and for that purpose, the Applicant concludes its Water Quality Monitoring Plan with a section titled “Data Analysis Procedures.” The Section is completely generic and does not actually provide such analytic procedures, thus rendering the Application incomplete. Instead of supplying an actual data analysis plan, the Applicant merely states that “the method to be used under this plan is based on (emphasis added) U.S. EPA methodology established for the assessment of contaminants in environmental samples, and is described in Chapter 9 of U.S. EPA publication 846. We plan to use a data analysis plan based on that methodology.” Accordingly, no plan is proposed that can be evaluated during the public comment period and the Application is incomplete. There is no valid reason why such a plan cannot be presented for comment now. Without it, the application must be denied.

31. **Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan is not “independent”** - The "Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan" calls for an "independent third party" to collect and sample water to establish baseline measurements of water quality and quantity. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan also tasks an "independent third party" to collect and sample water for years into the future. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan application states Shawnee Professional Services will collect water samples to establish baseline measurements. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan application also states Shawnee Professional Services will collect water samples for years into the future. There can be no greater public interest than the monitoring of water quality & quantity. The public must depend on IDNR to protect its interests. Shawnee Professional Services has a conflict of interest. Mitch Garret owner of Shawnee Professional Services was a founder of a pro fracking group formed in Johnson County to fight the non-binding resolution "A Community Bill of Rights" in the spring of 2014. The pro fracking group felt so threatened by the non-binding "A Community Bill of Rights" resolution that one of its first acts was to "convince" The Vienna Times newspaper, three weeks prior to the vote, to refuse all anti fracking advertisement, articles and letters to the editor. To leave the ultimate "public interest" in the hands of a company owned by Mitch Garret is to not understand the meaning of independent third party.

**Radioactive Materials Management- Document 25**

32. **Lack of Clarification on “Black Shale” subject to sampling** - As stated in the previous comments under Document 11, the Wellsite Safety Plan, the phrase “black shale” is not defined in the regulations and the extent of sampling thereof is uncertain. Please confirm what geologic formations you consider to be in the “black shale” that will be tested pursuant to this requirement.
33. **Need to Clarify If Filters Will Be Used and Tested for Radioactivity.** - One of the most serious sources for radioactive contamination is from filters used at hydraulic fracturing sites and disposal sites. No mention is made of filters in the Application or of the specific type of equipment to be used on-site. The Applicant must state whether any filters will be utilized on-site and if so, how they will be managed.

**Bond- Document 27**

34. **Insufficient bond** - The bond amount identified in the application is in the amount of $50,000 which is the amount for a single well, not a blanket bond. In the approximate center of the bond is a box captioned with: “ONLY COMPLETE IF BOND IS FOR INDIVIDUAL WELL OR PERMIT.” The information to be entered in this box for an individual well gives locational and identifying information for the well covered, but the Applicant fails to provide any of that information. The Applicant must either provide a new Bond with this information or provide an explanation for why the Bond is incomplete and does not identify the well addressed in the Application.

**Section 09 Water Source Management Plan**

(f) Identify the methods to be used to minimize impact to aquatic life.

**Comment:** Woolsey reports that they anticipate injecting 7.5 million gallons of Frac fluid in part (d) of this section. But their onsite capacity for flowback is identified as 126,000 gallons. How can 7.5 million gallons come back as 126,000? Woolsey has no back up plan if this storage capacity proves too small.

(g) Identify the methods to be used to minimize withdrawals as much as feasible.

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Section 11 Well Site Safety Plan

The Schematic of Well Pad & HVHHF Flow Back Operations in Figure 2.1 shows 3 flow back fluid storage tanks. By contrast, the Water Source Management Plan lists 6 flow back fluid storage tanks, each with a 21,000 gallon capacity. If the schematic correct, on site storage for flow back fluid is reduced to 63,000 gallons.

- Comments and Questions:
  - Which is correct?
  - Regardless of which is correct, see the comment made in section 9(f). When Woolsey anticipates 7.5 million gallons of frac fluid, have they demonstrated that their proposed flowback storage is adequate?
  - Figure 2-4: Site Waterways Setback on Page 14 states it is 3700' to the nearest perennial stream. The original Well Site Setback plan illustrates at least 5 "non-perennial streams". Who designates these streams as "non-perennial" and what precautions is Woolsey proposing to ensure safety regarding these streams?

Page 117 of the 164 page Well Site Safety Plan has a table listing examples of "Permissible Heat Exposure TLV" (Threshold Limit Values).

- Comment/Question: Will adequate personnel be on duty at all appropriate times to accommodate this schedule?

Concerning Attachment E: Fugitive Dust Control Plan:
Comments/Questions:

- Note: There are multiple mentions of "observed", "substantial fugitive dust". Is there a definition of "substantial fugitive dust"?

- Section 2.7 "Dust Control On Paved Roads" – What provisions have been made to ensure the “Wheel Wash” they describe will be installed and monitored at the location named?

Section 2.10 “Control of Other Air Emissions”: Under the heading “Appropriate emission”, it states that "Low-Sulfur Diesel will be used when possible."

Comment/Question:

- Who and what determines when it is possible? IDNR should require they burn Low - Sulfur Diesel at all times. Availability is not an issue.

Section 12: The Containment Plan

Page 2 of this section states: “During flow back operations the tanks located within the area of the wellsite will also be surrounded by a dike capable of holding 150% of the total volume of the single largest container or tank within a common secondary containment area. The secondary containment will be inspected as required by 245.820.”

Comment:

- The potential volume of flow back fluid should be the determinate of dyke size, not the volume of any single container on site to temporarily hold flow back fluids.

Section 12: Casing & Cementing Plan

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Linda Fox
Brown, Ronda

From: Josh Fox  <automail@knowwho.com>  Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 2:20 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Sorry for the inconvenience

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Jun 17, 2017

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The Woosley Application #HVHHF-00003 cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

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Please submit my concerns to the attention of HF Hearing Officer Daniel Schuering.

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_Marlaine Francis_

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Jun 16, 2017

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Section 09: Water Source Management Plan
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Sincerely,

myrna frankel
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Jun 27, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

PLEASE!

Stop the unmitigated greed that is destroying our beautiful earth. We should all be putting more effort into eco friendly options. Solar. Wind. We KNOW what the dark side of fracking looks like, and we don’t want it in Illinois!

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Laura Fransen

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Ms. Jill Franklin
Jun 16, 2017

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Ms. Sandra Franz
From: Brandi Frantz [automail@knowwho.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:21 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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June 22, 2017

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Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Brown, Ronda

From: Lisa Fremont <automail@knowwho.com> Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 4:16 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Lisa Fremont

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Brown, Ronda

From: Deb Frels
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 10:37 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Fracking?

Seriously?!?
What haven't you seen in OK as a result of fracking? Are you blind and deaf? Putting toxic liquid in the earth all for some oil?
What is wrong with you? Destroying the earth for your greed?
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Woe be to you
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Jun 16, 2017

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Pennsylvania has experienced water pollution.

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Sincerely,

Lawrence Frey
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Jun 18, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Louise Friedenson

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To Whom It May Concern

I write with grave and urgent concern over Woolsey’s operating permit and the dangerous lack of detail concerning radioactive materials. Neither the Radioactive Materials Management Plan nor the Site Safety & Health Plan provides any specific details regarding how radioactive materials above normal background levels—or above any level—will be managed, transported or disposed of any differently than any other materials. The application cannot possibly be in compliance with § 245.210 (b)(7) and there is zero basis for concluding that public health will be adequately safeguarded if this permit is approved.

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Hannah Frisch

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We all know the state of Illinois is not financially equipped to handle such a disaster.

DNR's regulations require extra precautions to protect the fracking operation's plans for fluids and flowback, well site safety, containment, and casing and cementing, when the proposed well is within or very near an area identified as seismic. Woolsey has not outlined such precautions in it's plan.

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Meaghan Fritz

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Brown, Ronda

From: Carol Frischman  [automail@knowwho.com]  Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 5:58 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Sincerely,

Miss Barbara Fry
To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding Woolsey high volume fracking permit and review HVHHF-000001. As an Illinois resident, I implore you to oppose this particular fracking proposal and more broadly, any others in the state of Illinois.

The Woolsey proposal lacks information, data, or calculations supplied on either a micro-seismic study or the “historic” use to support whether the identification of the “frac barriers” is technically sound. The application contains no information on which a reliable conclusion can be reliably drawn regarding a confining zone or “frac barrier” and the Application is therefore inadequate and must be denied. Additionally, the proposal does not include methods to minimize water withdrawal. Carrying out the project will, therefore, lead to lower water table levels and a depletion of fresh and safe drinking water in the state.

Please deny Woolsey's permit, and also work with the state to instead promote the construction of truly renewable energy sources that will create jobs for residents of Illinois while keeping our water clean.

Sincerely,
Erin Fry

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Erin E. Fry
University of Chicago | M.S. & PhD Candidate in Human Genetics
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Richard Frye
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Mrs. Tracy Fujihara
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Jessica Fujan <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:27 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jul 26, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Section 09 Water Source Management Plan
(f) Identify the methods to be used to minimize impact to aquatic life.
Comment: Woolsey inadequately reports their plans and even intentions to monitor the volume of flowback water following injection to ensure that fugitive effluent is accounted for.

Woolsey also inadequately represents the basis of their assumptions for necessary volume of flowback water storage.
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Comment:
The threshold of feasibility is not defined, making it impossible for IDNR to determine whether methods for water withdrawal minimization were adequate or even considered by the applicant.
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No justification is given by the Applicant for the extreme volume of water proposed for use or why it should not be deemed wasteful in violation of Illinois' reasonable use doctrine for groundwater withdrawals.
Failure to address the extreme volume of water necessary for operations and to specify what minimization methods were used to determine the feasibility of sustained water usage against vulnerable users in the region presents a failure of the Water Source Management Plans.
Section 11 Well Site Safety Plan
Section 12: Casing & Cementing Plan

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Comments/Questions
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Page 1 of this section states: "If necessary, a public hearing is scheduled for the 02 day of August, 2017...."

Comments/Questions:

- Who determines if it is "necessary"?
- Who will be allowed to testify? What type of testimony will be allowed?
- Are there parameters in place for such a hearing? If yes, what are they?

I look forward to receiving your reply to these important questions before such a time as the permit is approved by the IDNR.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jessica Fujan
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of S Fuller <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 12:12 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 17, 2017

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Sincerely,

Antonio Fuller

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Hello -

I am totally against fracking - it poisons the air and water. I am also against anything getting dumped into our lakes.

I am a registered voter in Chicago:

Jim Furr

[Redacted]

Review Number (HVHFF-000001)
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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of M G <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 3:43 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 21, 2017

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From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of claudio gaete <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 12:41 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
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Sincerely,

Mr. Philip Garbe
Brown, Ronda

From: Bob Garcia [automail@knowwho.com]  Sent You a Personal Message
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 5:08 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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From: Linda Gardner Phillips
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 11:11 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Say NO to fracking in Illinois

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Say NO to fracking in White County Say NO to Woodrow No. 1H-310408-193

Linda Gardner Phillips
Deerpath Farm Conservation Community
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Woolsey should not be given a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois -- Southern Illinoisans’ water supplies, health, safety, and livelihoods are on the line.

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From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Suzanne Gaspar <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:11 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:0001

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1. **Failure to Clearly Identify Formation to be Stimulated** - The permit fails to clearly identify the formation that will be stimulated or fracked by the operation other than to state that the "drilling objective" is the New Albany Shale, but later refers to the "objective" being the "Grassy Creek" shale and, later still, describes the "reservoir zone", and the Semier Shale as the "frac barrier." These terms are not synonymous and therefore both confusing and inadequate.
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Water Source Management Plan - Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals. One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application's Water Source Management Plan: "the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible." This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the "reasonable use" doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 ("The rule of "reasonable use" shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.") that reasonable use does not include water used "wastefully," 525 ILCS 45/4.

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Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state's statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

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Unrealistic Rate of Flow Back Recovery Proposed - The application states an anticipated 4-5,000 barrels of flow back will be recovered but fails to give information on how this number was calculated. The number proposed in the application is 2.8% of the total estimated to be utilized. This is substantially less (5.4 to 7.1 times less) than the average amount of flow back highlighted by the Ohio DNR for fracking, which is 15-20% of the total volume used. If the Ohio numbers are correct, Woolsey will have dramatically underestimated it's needs for storage capacity and transport. Woolsey must be required to quantify how it arrived at its numbers or be denied a permit on this basis.

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No Testing Plan for Flow Back Water - This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.
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Thank you for your attention to my comments. Illinois DNR should reject the company's inadequate permit application that fails to protect our health and environment.

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I urge you to protect Illinois' natural resources and our public health and safety by denying Woolsey Operating Company LLC's well permit application (HVHHF Review #: 000001).

Hundreds of studies have shown that the practice of hydraulic fracturing pollutes our air, water and soil with toxic, carcinogenic and radioactive materials.

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Do not sacrifice the health of Illinoisi ans and our natural resources for a toxic industry. Please deny the Woolsey Operating Company fracked well permit.

Sincerely,

Ms. Cheryl Geiger
HVHHF #000001

I am writing on behalf of ONE Northside and Fair Economy Illinois regarding the The Woolsey application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit.

The Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There were overarching generalities and deficiencies in the application, not to mention problems where information was actually provided.

We continue to have a concern regarding Woolsey’s capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete initial application to engage in high volume horizontal fracking. They were essentially given an “open book” test with the passage of the HFRA and have demonstrated they still can’t pass that test without extensive help on the part of the Department, the environmental community and the public through written comments. We believe they have demonstrated that they lack both the capacity and willingness to comply with the law. As such, we assert that they should not be granted a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois.

Sincerely,

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Specific comments included below reference the documents contained in the Woolsey Permit Application HVHHF-000001 and are in relation to the regulations outlined in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act, 225 ILCS 732, unless otherwise indicated.

COMMENTS

Directional Drilling Plan- Document 3

1. Directional Drilling Plan- The drilling lengths and depths submitted in the Plan do not match the depth in the scaled cross-section. There is also a discrepancy in angle of the non-vertical portion of the wellbore. If Woolsey cannot provide accurate information in their application, how can we trust them to drill in our state?

Underground Freshwater Information- Document 4

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3. Inadequate Evidence to Establish the Lowest Potential Fresh Water - Again, Woolsey has failed to provide this information. As such a clear potential exists that fresh water could exist below the drilling depth in a lower formation.

HVHHF Operations Plan - Document 5

4. Failure to Clearly Identify Formation to be Stimulated - The permit fails to clearly identify the formation that will be stimulated or fracked by the operation other than to state that the “drilling objective” is the New Albany Shale but later refers to the “objective” being the “Grassy Creek” shale and, later still, describes the “reservoir zone”, and the Semier Shale as the “frac barrier.” These terms are not synonymous and therefore both confusing and inadequate.

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7. **Confusing Data**- The Role of the Selmier Shale is listed as both a “drilling objective” and a “frac barrier” (confining zone?) in the application. It cannot serve two purposes. It is either a drilling objective or a confining zone.

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9. **Missing Data**- Surface Training Pressure Range- This information is entirely missing.

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11. **Missing Data**- No information on extent, water or water source, is provided for any formation and no thickness information is provided for the three formations constituting the New Albany Shale.

12. **Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking** - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHHF wells is a major public health and safety concern and is therefore a specific requirement for analysis in Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). However, no specific information or reliable analysis on this important feature is provided in the Document. No information on the scope, lateral extent, depth or sophistication of this survey is provided.

**Chemical Disclosure Report- Document 7**

13. **Chemical Disclosure Plan** The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on “Composition/Information on Ingredients” lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:

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   2) Fatty acids (5-10% of total mixture),
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**Water Source Management Plan- Document 9**
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Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a
basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.

The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

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15. Will there be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site- The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will involve three water wells to supply 7,500,000 gallons of water for the base fluid of the hydraulic fracturing operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7:

> The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHHF water supply wells) and a surface water body (a stock pond). A fourth potentially required water supply well may be drilled, and, if completed, will be included in this monitoring program.

(Appemphasis added)

Apparently, Woolsey does not intend to be bound by its Water Source Management Plan and reserves discretion to modify it for its own undisclosed purposes in a manner that might increase its already high levels of water consumption. However, the clear intent of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is to make these plans binding. Accordingly, the Department should require that the reference highlighted above to a possible fourth well be deleted from the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and the Applicant expressly limited to the three wells proposed in the Water Source Management Plan, provided a valid consideration of minimization methods and alternatives does not reduce that number even further (see previous comment).

**Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10**

16. Inadequate information on Fracturing Fluids- The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of information and either completely neglects or is patently vague on numerous items of required information. Equally unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required by paragraph (b) of the Department’s form regarding fracturing fluid is provided as the only information stated in the Applicant’s plan is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information on “injection schedule, flow rate, reuse volume, storage, any treatment and total volume in detail.”
17. Unrealistic Rate of Flowback Recovery Proposed - The application states an anticipated 4-5,000 barrels of flowback will be recovered but fails to give information on how this number was calculated. The number proposed in the application is 2.8% of the total estimated to be utilized. This is substantially less (5.4 to 7.1 times less) than the average amount of flowback highlighted by the Ohio DNR for fracking, which is 15-20% of the total volume used. If the Ohio numbers are correct, Woolsey will have dramatically underestimated its needs for storage capacity and transport. Woolsey must be required to quantify how it arrived at its numbers or be denied a permit on this basis.

18. Inadequate Information on Storage Tanks - The application states that the storage tanks will meet the qualities for the “purpose built.” There is no identification as to the number of storage tanks, which will be critical in light of the above comment, nor is there information on the rate/frequency for emptying the tanks. These are all inadequate.

19. No Testing Plan for Flowback Water - This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.

20. Use of Earthen Containment Berms - The plan states that the flowback storage tanks will be “enclosed by earthen containment berms which will be of sufficient size to contain all of the possible flow back fluid temporary storage volume.” No information is provided regarding the engineering properties or layout of these earthen berms. Earthen berms are inadequate for site containment. And, as identified in previous comments, if the flowback calculation is closer to Ohio DNR’s numbers, the storage proposed will be completely inadequate.

Wellsite Safety Plan - Document 11

21. No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale” - Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety Plan addresses Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (“NORM”). This section limits the drill cuttings to be tested for radioactivity to “black shale.” Although this phrase is used in the regulations, it is not defined there or in the Safety Plan, nor at any other point in the Application. Accordingly, what is considered the “black shale” subject to this testing requirement is unspecified. The Plan should therefore be amended to identify the specific geologic formations that the Applicant considers to be “black shale,” in the vicinity of its proposed well, including the formation depth, so the extent of sampling will be clear.

22. Safety Considerations of the General Public - There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.

Containment Plan - Document 12

23. The Containment Plan is completely inadequate. It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments on the inadequacy of the “earthen containment berms and the lack of specificity in the number of containment tanks especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.

Casing and Cementing Plan - Document 13
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**Traffic Management Plan- Document 14**

25. **Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River**- The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.

**Proof of Insurance- Document 18**

26. **The Certificate of insurance is insufficient** to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

**Failure to Specify Earthquake or Floodplain Hazard**

27. **Specification of Earthquake area or floodplain missing or inadequate**- The Department’s form requires the applicant to identify whether the insured wellsite location is in a define earthquake area or a regulatory floodplain. The Application meets neither requirement.

**Topsoil Preservation Plan- Document 19**

28. **Topsoil Plan Inadequate**- The Department’s form requires that the Topsoil Preservation Plan must be provided with “detail.” (“Please detail the plan to stockpile, stabilize . . . any topsoil and subsoil . . .”). No information is provided as to the amount of soil (top or sub) that will be stockpiled. The level of negligible detail that IS provided, seems more like an effort to expend the least possible effort and expense in handling the soil by just spreading it around the site. Accordingly, it does not appear to be a “preservation” plan at all given this lack of detail.

**Water Quality Monitoring Plan**

29. **Inadequate Water Quality Monitoring Plan**- The HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring is over six pages in length and is specific as to what is required in an approvable plan. The applicant plan is completely inadequate in addressing everything required for in the HFRA. For example, the applicant’s monitoring plan does not identify a single specific sampling point. Similarly the groundwater section is also generic. This is unacceptable and the application should be denied on this basis.

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Radioactive Materials Management- Document 25

32. Lack of Clarification on “Black Shale” subject to sampling- As stated in the previous comments under Document 11, the Wellsite Safety Plan, the phrase “black shale” is not defined in the regulations and the extent of sampling thereof is uncertain. Please confirm what geologic formations you consider to be in the “black shale” that will be tested pursuant to this requirement.

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Bond- Document 27

34. Insufficient bond- The bond amount identified in the application is in the amount of $50,000 which is the amount for a single well, not a blanket bond. In the approximate center of the bond is a box captioned with: “ONLY COMPLETE IF BOND IS FOR INDIVIDUAL WELL OR PERMIT.” The information to be entered in this box for an individual well gives locational and identifying information for the well covered, but the Applicant fails to provide any of that information. The Applicant must either provide a new Bond with this information or provide an explanation for why the Bond is incomplete and does not identify the well addressed in the Application.
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**Section 11 Well Site Safety Plan**

The Schematic of Well Pad & HVHIF Flow Back Operations in Figure 2.1 shows 3 flow back fluid storage tanks. By contrast, the Water Source Management Plan lists 6 flow back fluid storage tanks, each with a 21,000 gallon capacity. If the schematic correct, on site storage for flow back fluid is reduced to 63,000 gallons.

- **Comments and Questions:**
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Page 117 of the 164 page Well Site Safety Plan has a table listing examples of "Permissible Heat Exposure TLV" (Threshold Limit Values).
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Concerning Attachment E: Fugitive Dust Control Plan:

**Comments/Questions:**

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**Section 12: The Containment Plan**

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**Comments/Questions:**

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Mrs. Ira Gerard
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The Woolsey application should be rejected. In addition to generalities and deficiencies in the initial application and supplemental information, there are problems where information was actually provided. The attached comments highlight areas of deficiency and concerning omissions in both the supplemental information and the original application.

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Maureen Gibson

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I have been a resident of Jackson County, Illinois for my entire life, and though I live a few counties away from the proposed well, the possibility of high volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing (commonly known as "fracking") beginning anywhere in Illinois raises many strong concerns for me and therefore I highly implore the IDNR to deny Woolsey's permit application. I will briefly state my reasoning.

Firstly, we are in a time right now where we must be doing everything possible to mitigate the problem of climate change. Studies have shown that the vast majority of known fossil fuel reserves must remain in the ground in order to avoid greenhouse gas emissions that would push global temperatures beyond the two degree Celsius limit above per-industrial levels internationally recognized as the maximum we should allow global warming to progress to avoid the worst effects of climate change. With President Trump's recent announcement of his intent to pull the United States out of the Paris Climate Agreement, it is more important than ever that states take on the responsibility themselves of continuing the goals agreed upon by over 190 other countries to limit climate change. Burning natural gas and oil obtained by fracking are potent drivers of climate change. This is especially true when leaks of methane (a gas with some 80 times greater global warming potential than CO₂ over a 20 year period) in the natural gas production process are accounted for.

The second reason is the multitude of localized environmental risks associated with fracking. This includes the proven risks of air pollution and water contamination, which endanger both human health and ecosystem and wildlife health. This also includes the proven link between fracking wastewater disposal and earthquakes. This has been seen in Oklahoma and other areas in the Midwest, and with Southern Illinois touching two seismic zones, the New Madrid and Wabash Valley seismic zones, Southern Illinois could face high danger of something similar occurring if fracking takes off here.

While the risks and negative effects I've stated could end up being minimal or may not occur by just allowing fracking at this one well, significant dangers still exist and allowing this company to go forward with it could set a precedent that would give way to many more companies applying for permits and fracking finally taking off in Illinois. This permit application should be denied out of principle, whether or not it meets the requirements of Illinois's fracking rules, because it represents a serious threat to the people and environment of White County as well the people and environment of Illinois and beyond. The ability of people to live healthy, safe lives is a constitutional right and fracking should be treated as a legitimate danger to this principle.

Once again, I highly implore that the IDNR do it's duty in protecting the people and environment of Illinois by denying this application permit. Illinois's future lies in a prospering green energy economy, not one stuck in the past of dirty fossil fuel use.
Sincerely,

Dylan Gibson
Oil & Gas Regulatory Staff,

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NO Fracking in Illinois - not necessary!

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Sincerely,

Ms. Katrina Gill
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Brenda Gill <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:11 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 16, 2017

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Mrs. Brenda Gill
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DNR Public Comment,

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Joseph Ginger
From: Diane Gioe Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 9:19 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Sincerely,

Diane Gioe
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Jun 16, 2017

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Brown, Ronda

From: Danelle Glassburg  Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 3:40 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Jun 21, 2017

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Sincerely,

Rachel Glick

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Brown, Ronda

From: Debra Gleason Sent You a Personal Message
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:43 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Jun 16, 2017

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HVHHF #000001

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The Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There were overarching generalities and deficiencies in the application, not to mention problems where information was actually provided.

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Ellen Glover

ONE Northside/Fair Economy Illinois
Specific comments included below reference the documents contained in the Woolsey Permit Application HVHHF-000001 and are in relation to the regulations outlined in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act, 225 ILCS 732, unless otherwise indicated.

COMMENTS

Directional Drilling Plan- Document 3

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Underground Freshwater Information- Document 4

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HVHHF Operations Plan - Document 5

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9. **Missing Data** - Surface Training Pressure Range - This information is entirely missing.

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11. **Missing Data** - No information on extent, water or water source, is provided for any formation and no thickness information is provided for the three formations constituting the New Albany Shale.

12. **Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking** - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHHF wells is a major public health and safety concern and is therefore a specific requirement for analysis in Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). However, no specific information or reliable analysis on this important feature is provided in the Document. No information on the scope, lateral extent, depth or sophistication of this survey is provided.

**Chemical Disclosure Report - Document 7**

13. **Chemical Disclosure Plan** The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on “Composition/Information on Ingredients” lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:

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**Water Source Management Plan - Document 9**
14. **Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals** One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

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No justification is given by the Applicant for this exceptionally large water use or why it should not be deemed wasteful in violation of Illinois’ reasonable use doctrine for groundwater withdrawals. Such exceptionally large water consumption is particularly significant in White County, as this water will be removed from three (3) groundwater wells located in fairly shallow sand and gravel aquifers that can be rapidly depleted. Illinois has already had two significant droughts in the last 10 years. The Woolsey application indicates it plans on withdrawing the bulk of its water in the summer months when drought conditions and aquifer depletion are at their highest.

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Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a
basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.

The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

15. Will there be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site- The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will involve three water wells to supply 7,500,000 gallons of water for the base fluid of the hydraulic fracturing operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7:

The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHHF water supply wells) and a surface water body (a stock pond). A fourth potentially required water supply well may be drilled, and, if completed, will be included in this monitoring program. (emphasis added)

Apparently, Woolsey does not intend to be bound by its Water Source Management Plan and reserves discretion to modify it for its own undisclosed purposes in a manner that might increase its already high levels of water consumption. However, the clear intent of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is to make these plans binding. Accordingly, the Department should require that the reference highlighted above to a possible fourth well be deleted from the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and the Applicant expressly limited to the three wells proposed in the Water Source Management Plan, provided a valid consideration of minimization methods and alternatives does not reduce that number even further (see previous comment).

Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10

16. Inadequate information on Fracturing Fluids- The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of information and either completely neglects or is patently vague on numerous items of required information. Equally unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required by paragraph (b) of the Department’s form regarding fracturing fluid is provided as the only information stated in the Applicant’s plan is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information on “injection schedule, flow rate, reuse volume, storage, any treatment and total volume in detail.”
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18. Inadequate Information on Storage Tanks- The application states that the storage tanks will meet the qualities for the “purpose built.” There is no identification as to the number of storage tanks, which will be critical in light of the above comment, nor is there information on the rate/frequency for emptying the tanks. These are all inadequate.

19. No Testing Plan for Flowback Water- This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.

20. Use of Earthen Containment Berms- The plan states that the flowback storage tanks will be “enclosed by earthen containment berms which will be of sufficient size to contain all of the possible flow back fluid temporary storage volume.” No information is provided regarding the engineering properties or layout of these earthen berms. Earthen berms are inadequate for site containment. As identified in previous comments, if the flowback calculation is closer to Ohio DNR’s numbers, the storage proposed will be completely inadequate.

Wellsite Safety Plan- Document 11

21. No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale”- Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety Plan addresses Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material ("NORM"). This section limits the drill cuttings to be tested for radioactivity to “black shale.” Although this phrase is used in the regulations, it is not defined there or in the Safety Plan, nor at any other point in the Application. Accordingly, what is considered the “black shale” subject to this testing requirement is unspecified. The Plan should therefore be amended to identify the specific geologic formations that the Applicant considers to be “black shale,” in the vicinity of its proposed well, including the formation depth, so the extent of sampling will be clear.

22. Safety Considerations of the General Public- There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.

Containment Plan- Document 12

23. The Containment Plan is completely inadequate. It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments on the inadequacy of the “earthen containment berms and the lack of specificity in the number of containment tanks especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.

Casing and Cementing Plan- Document 13
24. **Missing Information in the Casing and Cementing Plan**- The casing and cementing plan does not address the requirements labeled in Document 13 regarding the potential for earthquakes. The application is therefore incomplete and must either be amended by the applicant or denied by IDNR. Furthermore, the casing and cementing plan is completely inadequate to meet Illinois’ regulations. It does not include the detail required by the HFRA and cannot be approved without this critical information.

**Traffic Management Plan- Document 14**

25. **Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River**- The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.

**Proof of Insurance- Document 18**

26. **The Certificate of insurance is insufficient** to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

**Failure to Specify Earthquake or Floodplain Hazard**

27. **Specification of Earthquake area or floodplain missing or inadequate**- The Department’s form requires the applicant to identify whether the insured wellsite location is in a define earthquake area or a regulatory floodplain. The Application meets neither requirement.

**Topsoil Preservation Plan- Document 19**

28. **Topsoil Plan Inadequate**- The Department’s form requires that the Topsoil Preservation Plan must be provided with “detail.” (“Please detail the plan to stockpile, stabilize . . . any topsoil and subsoil . . .”). No information is provided as to the amount of soil (top or sub) that will be stockpiled. The level of negligible detail that IS provided, seems more like an effort to expend the least possible effort and expense in handling the soil by just spreading it around the site. Accordingly, it does not appear to be a “preservation” plan at all given this lack of detail.

**Water Quality Monitoring Plan**

29. **Inadequate Water Quality Monitoring Plan**- The HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring is over six pages in length and is specific as to what is required in an approvable plan. The applicant plan is completely inadequate in addressing everything required for in the HFRA. For example, the applicant’s monitoring plan does not identify a single specific sampling point. Similarly the groundwater section is also generic. This is unacceptable and the application should be denied on this basis.

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Radioactive Materials Management- Document 25

32. Lack of Clarification on “Black Shale” subject to sampling- As stated in the previous comments under Document 11, the Wellsite Safety Plan, the phrase “black shale” is not defined in the regulations and the extent of sampling thereof is uncertain. Please confirm what geologic formations you consider to be in the “black shale” that will be tested pursuant to this requirement.

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Bond- Document 27

34. Insufficient bond- The bond amount identified in the application is in the amount of $50,000 which is the amount for a single well, not a blanket bond. In the approximate center of the bond is a box captioned with: “ONLY COMPLETE IF BOND IS FOR INDIVIDUAL WELL OR PERMIT.” The information to be entered in this box for an individual well gives locational and identifying information for the well covered, but the Applicant fails to provide any of that information. The Applicant must either provide a new Bond with this information or provide an explanation for why the Bond is incomplete and does not identify the well addressed in the Application.
Section 09 Water Source Management Plan

(f) Identify the methods to be used to minimize impact to aquatic life.

Comment: Woolsey reports that they anticipate injecting 7.5 million gallons of Frac fluid in part (d) of this section. But their onsite capacity for flowback is identified as 126,000 gallons. How can 7.5 million gallons come back as 126,000? Woolsey has no back up plan if this storage capacity proves too small.

(g) Identify the methods to be used to minimize withdrawals as much as feasible.

Comment: Woolsey states that it is “not in the interest of the applicant to overuse water in the HVHHF process” but it nowhere in their comments do they explain the methods it will use to minimize withdrawals. One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

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**Section 11 Well Site Safety Plan**

The Schematic of Well Pad & HVHMF Flow Back Operations in Figure 2.1 shows 3 flow back fluid storage tanks. By contrast, the Water Source Management Plan lists 6 flow back fluid storage tanks, each with a 21,000 gallon capacity. If the schematic correct, on site storage for flow back fluid is reduced to 63,000 gallons.

- **Comments and Questions:**
  - Which is correct?
  - Regardless of which is correct, see the comment made in section 9(f). When Woolsey anticipates 7.5 million gallons of frac fluid, have they demonstrated that their proposed flowback storage is adequate?
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Page 117 of the 164 page Well Site Safety Plan has a table listing examples of "Permissible Heat Exposure TLV" (Threshold Limit Values).
• **Comment/Question:** Will adequate personnel be on duty at all appropriate times to accommodate this schedule?

Concerning Attachment E: Fugitive Dust Control Plan:

**Comments/Questions:**

- Note: There are multiple mentions of "observed", "substantial fugitive dust". Is there a definition of "substantial fugitive dust"?

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**Comment/Question:**

- Who and what determines when it is possible? IDNR should require they burn Low - Sulfur Diesel at all times. Availability is not an issue.

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Page 2 of this section states: “During flow back operations the tanks located within the area of the wellsite will also be surrounded by a dike capable of holding 150% of the total volume of the single largest container or tank within a common secondary containment area. The secondary containment will be inspected as required by 245.820."

**Comment:**

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Page 2 of this section states: “Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present.”
The Woolsey addendum goes on to state: “Pursuant to 245.550, prior to drilling out the casing shoe, a Blow Out Preventer (BOP) shall be installed on the well by certified personal” (sic). “Prior to testing the BOP, IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present when the tests are performed.

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Section 16: Public Notice
Page 1 of this section states: “If necessary, a public hearing is scheduled for the 02 day of August, 2017…”

Comments/Questions:

- Who determines if it is “necessary”?
- Who will be allowed to testify? What type of testimony will be allowed?
- Are there parameters in place for such a hearing? If yes, What are they?

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Ellen Glover
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Barbara Glowacki
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Keep Illinois safe, clean, and green

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Gobster
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Jun 18, 2017

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[Redacted information]
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Glenn Golden
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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Glenn Golden <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:41 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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[Redacted]
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy Gonzalez
I am an Illinois resident and am against fracking in Starved Rock.

Linda Goad

Sent from my iPhone
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Ms. sharon gordon
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Brown, Ronda

From: Susan Gosdick
Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 10:25 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Karli Grace <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 11:39 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 27, 2017

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DNR Public Comment,

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Michael Granger
Oil & Gas Regulatory Staff,

I urge you to protect Illinois' natural resources and our public health and safety by denying Woolsey Operating Company LLC's well permit application (HVHHF Review #: 000001).

Hundreds of studies have shown that the practice of hydraulic fracturing pollutes our air, water and soil with toxic, carcinogenic and radioactive materials.

Even without any severe accident (such as the Woolsey well explosion in Fairfield in 2014), we know through air sampling, water testing and infrared footage that fracked wells leak. The proposed well site is within one mile of at least 5 known oil wells, and Woolsey Oil Corporation has a plan to flare excess methane, exposing the area nearby to toxins.

Do not sacrifice the health of Illinoisans and our natural resources for a toxic industry. Please deny the Woolsey Operating Company fracked well permit.

robert grannick
HVHHF #000001

I am writing on behalf of ONE Northside and Fair Economy Illinois regarding the The Woolsey application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit.

The Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There were overarching generalities and deficiencies in the application, not to mention problems where information was actually provided.

We continue to have a concern regarding Woolsey’s capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete initial application to engage in high volume horizontal fracking. They were essentially given an “open book” test with the passage of the HFRA and have demonstrated they still can’t pass that test without extensive help on the part of the Department, the environmental community and the public through written comments. We believe they have demonstrated that they lack both the capacity and willingness to comply with the law. As such, we assert that they should not be granted a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois.

Sincerely,

Joseph Grant

ONE Northside/Fair Economy Illinois

919.357.0433
Specific comments included below reference the documents contained in the Woolsey Permit Application HVHHF-000001 and are in relation to the regulations outlined in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act, 225 ILCS 732, unless otherwise indicated.

COMMENTS

Directional Drilling Plan- Document 3

1. **Directional Drilling Plan** - The drilling lengths and depths submitted in the Plan do not match the depth in the scaled cross-section. There is also a discrepancy in angle of the non-vertical portion of the wellbore. If Woolsey cannot provide accurate information in their application, how can we trust them to drill in our state?

Underground Freshwater Information- Document 4

2. **Inadequate Determination of Underground Freshwater** - No Geological Survey Data submitted - Section 245.210(a)(5) requires reference to the Illinois State Geological Survey with regard to its proposed drilling. This is critical to insure that freshwater will not be contaminated. Woolsey has failed to provide this information.

3. **Inadequate Evidence to Establish the Lowest Potential Fresh Water** - Again, Woolsey has failed to provide this information. As such a clear potential exists that fresh water could exist below the drilling depth in a lower formation.

HVHHF Operations Plan - Document 5

4. **Failure to Clearly Identify Formation to be Stimulated** - The permit fails to clearly identify the formation that will be stimulated or fracked by the operation other than to state that the “drilling objective” is the New Albany Shale but later refers to the “objective” being the “Grassy Creek” shale and, later still, describes the “reservoir zone”, and the Semier Shale as the “frac barrier.” These terms are not synonymous and therefore both confusing and inadequate.

5. **Failure to Clearly Identify the Confining Zone** - Section 245.210(a)(6) requires the Applicant to specifically identify and describe the formation or formations that constitute the “confining zone” for the proposed well. The application fails to meet this requirement. In fact, it fails to use this term at all in its application.

6. **Missing Data** - There is no information, data, or calculations supplied on either a micro-seismic study or the “historic” use to support whether the identification of the “frac barriers” is technically sound. The application contains no information on which a reliable conclusion can be reliably drawn regarding a confining zone or “frac barrier” and the Application is therefore inadequate and must be denied.
7. **Confusing Data**- The Role of the Selmier Shale is listed as both a “drilling objective” and a “frac barrier” (confining zone?) in the application. It cannot serve two purposes. It is either a drilling objective or a confining zone.

8. **Inadequate Information**- Fracturing Pressure- The fracturing pressure of the “producing zone” is given as 2,875 psi. Yet three separate formations are mentioned as “drilling objectives.” The same psi for all three would not be used.

9. **Missing Data**- Surface Training Pressure Range- This information is entirely missing.

10. **No information on the Vertical Propagation of Fractures** - One of the most important safety features established in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the requirement that the susceptibility for vertical propagation of fractures in the confining zone and the formations contributing to that zone, are accurately determined and stated in the application, Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). The Document completely fails to satisfy this safeguard. The singular sentence it does provide fails to articulate a conclusion that the well plans are adequate and effective. On this basis alone, the permit should be denied.

11. **Missing Data**- No information on extent, water or water source, is provided for any formation and no thickness information is provided for the three formations constituting the New Albany Shale.

12. **Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking** - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHHF wells is a major public health and safety concern and is therefore a specific requirement for analysis in Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). However, no specific information or reliable analysis on this important feature is provided in the Document. No information on the scope, lateral extent, depth or sophistication of this survey is provided.

**Chemical Disclosure Report- Document 7**

13. **Chemical Disclosure Plan** The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on “Composition/Information on Ingredients” lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:

   1) Oxyalkylated alkylphenol (10-20% of total mixture),
   2) Fatty acids (5-10% of total mixture),
   3) Complex alkylaryl polyo-ester (5-10% of total mixture) and
   4) Acetylenic alcohol (1-5% of total mixture).

All four of these constituent chemicals have their Chemical Abstract Service Number concealed on the Safety Data Sheet for the stated reason of “Trade Secret.”

**Water Source Management Plan- Document 9**
14. Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of reasonable use shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will employ to minimize groundwater withdrawals and, even worse, fails to indicate that the applicant undertook any effort at all to consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations.

This is a special concern in this Application where the Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit overconsumption. Further supporting this concern is the fact that the Applicant’s proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This quantity is a full 50% greater than what the Department itself considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of from “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”

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The Applicant’s failure to address its minimization duty is further compounded by its apparent failure to consider use of recycled water for its operation. Its only consideration of recycled water use is a single sentence in its Water Source Management Plan that “Backflow will not commence until injection in all frac stages has been completed, thus there will be no opportunity for use of recycled water in the hydraulic fracture completion.”

Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a
basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.

The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

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15. Will there be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site- The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will involve three water wells to supply 7,500,000 gallons of water for the base fluid of the hydraulic fracturing operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7:

   The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHHF water supply wells) and a surface water body (a stock pond). A fourth potentially required water supply well may be drilled, and, if completed, will be included in this monitoring program. (emphasis added)

Apparently, Woolsey does not intend to be bound by its Water Source Management Plan and reserves discretion to modify it for its own undisclosed purposes in a manner that might increase its already high levels of water consumption. However, the clear intent of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is to make these plans binding. Accordingly, the Department should require that the reference highlighted above to a possible fourth well be deleted from the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and the Applicant expressly limited to the three wells proposed in the Water Source Management Plan, provided a valid consideration of minimization methods and alternatives does not reduce that number even further (see previous comment).

Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10

16. Inadequate information on Fracturing Fluids- The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of information and either completely neglects or is patently vague on numerous items of required information. Equally unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required by paragraph (b) of the Department’s form regarding fracturing fluid is provided as the only information stated in the Applicant’s plan is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information on “injection schedule, flow rate, reuse volume, storage, any treatment and total volume in detail.”
17. Unrealistic Rate of Flowback Recovery Proposed- The application states an anticipated 4-5,000 barrels of flowback will be recovered but fails to give information on how this number was calculated. The number proposed in the application is 2.8% of the total estimated to be utilized. This is substantially less (5.4 to 7.1 times less) than the average amount of flowback highlighted by the Ohio DNR for fracking, which is 15-20% of the total volume used. If the Ohio numbers are correct, Woolsey will have dramatically underestimated it’s needs for storage capacity and transport. Woolsey must be required to quantify how it arrived at its numbers or be denied a permit on this basis.

18. Inadequate Information on Storage Tanks- The application states that the storage tanks will meet the qualities for the “purpose built.” There is no identification as to the number of storage tanks, which will be critical in light of the above comment, nor is there information on the rate/frequency for emptying the tanks. These are all inadequate.

19. No Testing Plan for Flowback Water- This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.

20. Use of Earthen Containment Berms- The plan states that the flowback storage tanks will be “enclosed by earthen containment berms which will be of sufficient size to contain all of the possible flow back fluid temporary storage volume.” No information is provided regarding the engineering properties or layout of these earthen berms. Earthen berms are inadequate for site containment. And, as identified in previous comments, if the flowback calculation is closer to Ohio DNR’s numbers, the storage proposed will be completely inadequate.

Wellsite Safety Plan- Document 11

21. No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale”- Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety Plan addresses Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (“NORM”). This section limits the drill cuttings to be tested for radioactivity to “black shale.” Although this phrase is used in the regulations, it is not defined there or in the Safety Plan, nor at any other point in the Application. Accordingly, what is considered the “black shale” subject to this testing requirement is unspecified. The Plan should therefore be amended to identify the specific geologic formations that the Applicant considers to be “black shale,” in the vicinity of its proposed well, including the formation depth, so the extent of sampling will be clear.

22. Safety Considerations of the General Public- There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.

Containment Plan- Document 12

23. The Containment Plan is completely inadequate. It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments on the inadequacy of the “earthen containment berms and the lack of specificity in the number of containment tanks especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.

Casing and Cementing Plan- Document 13
Missing Information in the Casing and Cementing Plan- The casing and cementing plan does not address the requirements labeled in Document 13 regarding the potential for earthquakes. The application is therefore incomplete and must either be amended by the applicant or denied by IDNR. Furthermore, the casing and cementing plan is completely inadequate to meet Illinois’ regulations. It does not include the detail required by the HFRA and cannot be approved without this critical information.

Traffic Management Plan- Document 14

Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River- The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.

Proof of Insurance- Document 18

The Certificate of insurance is insufficient to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

Failure to Specify Earthquake or Floodplain Hazard

Specification of Earthquake area or floodplain missing or inadequate- The Department’s form requires the applicant to identify whether the insured wellsite location is in a define earthquake area or a regulatory floodplain. The Application meets neither requirement.

Topsoil Preservation Plan- Document 19

Topsoil Plan Inadequate- The Department’s form requires that the Topsoil Preservation Plan must be provided with “detail.” (“Please detail the plan to stockpile, stabilize . . . any topsoil and subsoil . . .”). No information is provided as to the amount of soil (top or sub) that will be stockpiled. The level of negligible detail that IS provided, seems more like an effort to expend the least possible effort and expense in handling the soil by just spreading it around the site. Accordingly, it does not appear to be a “preservation” plan at all given this lack of detail.

Water Quality Monitoring Plan

Inadequate Water Quality Monitoring Plan- The HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring is over six pages in length and is specific as to what is required in an approvable plan. The applicant plan is completely inadequate in addressing everything required for in the HFRA. For example, the applicant’s monitoring plan does not identify a single specific sampling point. Similarly the groundwater section is also generic. This is unacceptable and the application should be denied on this basis.

Data Analysis Procedure Plan Inadequate- The laboratory tests require an interpretation of the test results and for that purpose, the Applicant concludes its Water Quality Monitoring Plan with a section titled “Data
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31. Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan is not “independent”- The "Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan" calls for an "independent third party" to collect and sample water to establish baseline measurements of water quality and quantity. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan also tasks an "independent third party" to collect and sample water for years into the future. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan application states Shawnee Professional Services will collect water samples to establish baseline measurements. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan application also states Shawnee Professional Services will collect water samples for years into the future. There can be no greater public interest than the monitoring of water quality & quantity. The public must depend on IDNR to protect its interests. Shawnee Professional Services has a conflict of interest. Mitch Garret owner of Shawnee Professional Services was a founder of a pro fracking group formed in Johnson County to fight the non - binding resolution "A Community Bill of Rights" in the spring of 2014. The pro fracking group felt so threatened by the non - binding "A Community Bill of Rights" resolution that one of its first acts was to "convince" The Vienna Times newspaper, three weeks prior to the vote, to refuse all anti fracking advertisement, articles and letters to the editor. To leave the ultimate "public interest" in the hands of a company owned by Mitch Garret is to not understand the meaning of independent third party.

Radioactive Materials Management- Document 25

32. Lack of Clarification on “Black Shale” subject to sampling- As stated in the previous comments under Document 11, the Wellsite Safety Plan, the phrase “black shale” is not defined in the regulations and the extent of sampling thereof is uncertain. Please confirm what geologic formations you consider to be in the “black shale” that will be tested pursuant to this requirement.

33. Need to Clarify If Filters Will Be Used and Tested for Radioactivity.- One of the most serious sources for radioactive contamination is from filters used at hydraulic fracturing sites and disposal sites. No mention is made of filters in the Application or of the specific type of equipment to be used on-site. The Applicant must state whether any filters will be utilized on-site and if so, how they will be managed.

Bond- Document 27

34. Insufficient bond- The bond amount identified in the application is in the amount of $50,000 which is the amount for a single well, not a blanket bond. In the approximate center of the bond is a box captioned with: “ONLY COMPLETE IF BOND IS FOR INDIVIDUAL WELL OR PERMIT.” The information to be entered in this box for an individual well gives locational and identifying information for the well covered, but the Applicant fails to provide any of that information. The Applicant must either provide a new Bond with this information or provide an explanation for why the Bond is incomplete and does not identify the well addressed in the Application.
(f) Identify the methods to be used to minimize impact to aquatic life.

Comment: Woolsey reports that they anticipate injecting 7.5 million gallons of Frac fluid in part (d) of this section. But their onsite capacity for flowback is identified as 126,000 gallons. How can 7.5 million gallons come back as 126,000? Woolsey has no back up plan if this storage capacity proves too small.

(g) Identify the methods to be used to minimize withdrawals as much as feasible.

Comment: Woolsey states that it is “not in the interest of the applicant to overuse water in the HVHHF process” but it nowhere in their comments do they explain the methods it will use to minimize withdrawals. One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

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**Section 11 Well Site Safety Plan**

The Schematic of Well Pad & HVHHF Flow Back Operations in Figure 2.1 shows 3 flow back fluid storage tanks. By contrast, the Water Source Management Plan lists 6 flow back fluid storage tanks, each with a 21,000 gallon capacity. If the schematic correct, on site storage for flow back fluid is reduced to 63,000 gallons.

- **Comments and Questions:**
  - Which is correct?
  - Regardless of which is correct, see the comment made in section 9(f). When Woolsey anticipates 7.5 million gallons of frac fluid, have they demonstrated that their proposed flowback storage is adequate?
  - Figure 2-4: Site Waterways Setback on Page 14 states it is 3700' to the nearest perennial stream. The original Well Site Setback plan illustrates at least 5 "non-perennial streams". Who designates these streams as "non-perennial" and what precautions is Woolsey proposing to ensure safety regarding these streams?

Page 117 of the 164 page Well Site Safety Plan has a table listing examples of "Permissible Heat Exposure TLV" (Threshold Limit Values).
**Comment/Question:** Will adequate personnel be on duty at all appropriate times to accommodate this schedule?

Concerning Attachment E: Fugitive Dust Control Plan:

**Comments/Questions:**

- Note: There are multiple mentions of "observed", "substantial fugitive dust". Is there a definition of "substantial fugitive dust"?

- Section 2.7 "Dust Control On Paved Roads" – What provisions have been made to ensure the “Wheel Wash” they describe will be installed and monitored at the location named?

Section 2.10 “Control of Other Air Emissions”: Under the heading “Appropriate emission”, it states that "Low-Sulfur Diesel will be used when possible."

**Comment/Question:**

- Who and what determines when it is possible? IDNR should require they burn Low - Sulfur Diesel at all times. Availability is not an issue.

**Section 12: The Containment Plan**

Page 2 of this section states: “During flow back operations the tanks located within the area of the wellsite will also be surrounded by a dike capable of holding 150% of the total volume of the single largest container or tank within a common secondary containment area. The secondary containment will be inspected as required by 245.820.”

**Comment:**

- The potential volume of flow back fluid should be the determinate of dyke size, not the volume of any single container on site to temporarily hold flow back fluids.

**Section 12: Casing & Cementing Plan**

Page 2 of this section states: “Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present.”
Comments/Questions

- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
- How will this be documented?

The Woolsey addendum goes on to state: “Pursuant to 245.550, prior to drilling out the casing shoe, a Blow Out Preventer (BOP) shall be installed on the well by certified personal” (sic). “Prior to testing the BOP, IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present when the tests are performed.

Comments/Questions

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- How will this be documented?

On the bottom of page 2 and continuing onto page 3 of this section, the addendum states: “Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present.”

Comments/Questions

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On page 3 of this section, the addendum states: “Prior to testing the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present. The casing will be tested using brine to fill the casing and pressure tested to 70% of its minimum internal yield for 30 minutes.

Comments/Questions:

- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
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Section 16: Public Notice
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Comments/Questions:

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Joseph Grant
PhD Candidate
Department of Political Science
Northwestern University
601 University Place
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Jun 16, 2017

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Jun 21, 2017

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Ms. S Grenzow
From: Susan Gries
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 9:21 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] HVHHF #000001

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I am writing on behalf of ONE Northside and Fair Economy Illinois regarding the The Woolsey application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit.

The Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There were overarching generalities and deficiencies in the application, not to mention problems where information was actually provided.

We continue to have a concern regarding Woolsey’s capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete initial application to engage in high volume horizontal fracking. They were essentially given an “open book” test with the passage of the HFRA and have demonstrated they still can’t pass that test without extensive help on the part of the Department, the environmental community and the public through written comments. We believe they have demonstrated that they lack both the capacity and willingness to comply with the law. As such, we assert that they should not be granted a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois.

Sincerely,
Sue Gries
ONE Northside/Fair Economy Illinois

COMMENTS
Specific comments included below reference the documents contained in the Woolsey Permit Application HVHHF-000001 and are in relation to the regulations outlined in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act, 225 ILCS 732, unless otherwise indicated.

COMMENTS
Directional Drilling Plan- Document 3
1. Directional Drilling Plan- The drilling lengths and depths submitted in the Plan do not match the depth in the scaled cross-section. There is also a discrepancy in angle of the non-vertical portion of the wellbore. If Woolsey cannot provide accurate information in their application, how can we trust them to drill in our state?

Underground Freshwater Information- Document 4
2. Inadequate Determination of Underground Freshwater - No Geological Survey Data submitted- Section 245.210(a)(5) requires reference to the Illinois State Geological Survey with regard to its proposed drilling. This is critical to insure that freshwater will not be contaminated. Woolsey has failed to provide this information.
3. Inadequate Evidence to Establish the Lowest Potential Fresh Water - Again, Woolsey has failed to provide this information. As such a clear potential exists that freshwater could exist below the drilling depth in a lower formation.

HVHHF Operations Plan - Document 5
4. Failure to Clearly Identify Formation to be Stimulated - The permit fails to clearly identify the formation that will be stimulated or fracked by the operation other than to state that the “drilling objective” is the New Albany Shale but later refers to the “objective” being the “Grassy Creek” shale and, later still, describes the “reservoir zone”, and the Semier Shale as the “frac barrier.” These terms are not synonymous and therefore both confusing and inadequate.
5. Failure to Clearly Identify the Confining Zone - Section 245.210(a)(6) requires the Applicant to specifically identify and describe the formation or formations that
constitute the “confining zone” for the proposed well. The application fails to meet this requirement. In fact, it fails to use this term at all in its application.

6. **Missing Data** - There is no information, data, or calculations supplied on either a micro-seismic study or the “historic” use to support whether the identification of the “frac barriers” is technically sound. The application contains no information on which a reliable conclusion can be reliably drawn regarding a confining zone or “frac barrier” and the Application is therefore inadequate and must be denied.

7. **Confusing Data** - The Role of the Selmer Shale is listed as both a “drilling objective” and a “frac barrier” (confining zone?) in the application. It cannot serve two purposes. It is either a drilling objective or a confining zone.

8. **Inadequate Information** - Fracturing Pressure - The fracturing pressure of the “producing zone” is given as 2,875 psi. Yet three separate formations are mentioned as “drilling objectives.” The same psi for all three would not be used.

9. **Misleading Surface Trapped Pressure Range** - This information is entirely missing.

10. **No Information on the Vertical Propagation of Fractures** - One of the most important safety features established in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the requirement that the susceptibility for vertical propagation of fractures in the confining zone and the formations contributing to that zone, are accurately determined and stated in the application, Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). The Document completely fails to satisfy this safeguard. The singular sentence it does provide fails to articulate a conclusion that the well plans are adequate and effective. On this basis alone, the permit should be denied.

11. **Missing Data** - No information on extent, water or water source, is provided for any formation and no thickness information is provided for the three formations constituting the New Albany Shale.

12. **Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking** - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHHF wells is a major public health and safety concern and is therefore a specific requirement for analysis in Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). However, no specific information or reliable analysis on this important feature is provided in the Document. No information on the scope, lateral extent, depth or sophistication of this survey is provided.

Chemical Disclosure Report - Document 7

13. **Chemical Disclosure Plan** - The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on “Composition/Information on Ingredients” lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:
   1) Oxyalkylated alkylphenol (10-20% of total mixture),
   2) Fatty acids (5-10% of total mixture),
   3) Complex alkylaryl polyo-ester (5-10% of total mixture) and
   4) Acetylenic alcohol (1-5% of total mixture).

All four of these constituent chemicals have their Chemical Abstract Service Number concealed on the Safety Data Sheet for the stated reason of “Trade Secret.”

Water Source Management Plan - Document 9

14. **Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals** - One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will employ to minimize groundwater withdrawals and, even worse, fails to indicate that the applicant undertook any effort at all to consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations.

This is a special concern in this Application where the Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit over-consumption. Further supporting this concern
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The Applicant’s failure to address its minimization duty is further compounded by its apparent failure to consider use of recycled water for its operation. Its only consideration of recycled water use is a single sentence in its Water Source Management Plan that “Backflow will not commence until injection in all frac stages has been completed, thus there will be no opportunity for use of recycled water in the hydraulic fracture completion.”

Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.

The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

15. Will there be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site- The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will involve three water wells to supply 7,500,000 gallons of water for the base fluid of the hydraulic fracturing operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7:

The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHFF water supply wells) and a surface water body (a stock pond). A fourth potentially required water supply well may be drilled, and, if completed, will be included in this monitoring program.

Apparenty, Woolsey does not intend to be bound by its Water Source Management Plan and reserves discretion to modify it for its own undisclosed purposes in a manner that might increase its already high levels of water consumption. However, the clear intent of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is to make these plans binding. Accordingly, the Department should require that the reference highlighted above to a possible fourth well be deleted from the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and the Applicant expressly limited to the three wells proposed in the Water Source Management Plan, provided a valid consideration of minimization methods and alternatives does not reduce that number even further (see previous comment).

Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10

16. Inadequate information on Fracturing Fluids- The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of information and either completely neglects or is patently vague on numerous items of required information. Equally unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required by paragraph (b) of the
Department’s form regarding fracturing fluid is provided as the only information stated in the Applicant’s plan is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information on “injection schedule, flow rate, reuse volume, storage, any treatment and total volume in detail.”

17. Unrealistic Rate of Flowback Recovery Proposed: The application states an anticipated 4-5,000 barrels of flowback will be recovered but fails to give information on how this number was calculated. The number proposed in the application is 2.8% of the total estimated to be utilized. This is substantially less (5.4 to 7.1 times less) than the average amount of flowback highlighted by the Ohio DNR for fracking, which is 15-20% of the total volume used. If the Ohio numbers are correct, Woolsey will have dramatically underestimated it’s needs for storage capacity and transport. Woolsey must be required to quantify how it arrived at its numbers or be denied a permit on this basis.

18. Inadequate Information on Storage Tanks: The application states that the storage tanks will meet the qualities for the “purpose built.” There is no identification as to the number of storage tanks, which will be critical in light of the above comment, nor is there information on the rate/frequency for emptying the tanks. These are all inadequate.

19. No Testing Plan for Flowback Water: This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.

20. Use of Earthen Containment Berms: The plan states that the flowback storage tanks will be “enclosed by earthen containment berms which will be of sufficient size to contain all of the possible flow back fluid temporary storage volume.” No information is provided regarding the engineering properties or layout of these earthen berms. Earthen berms are inadequate for site containment. And, as identified in previous comments, if the flowback calculation is closer to Ohio DNR’s numbers, the storage proposed will be completely inadequate.

Wellsite Safety Plan- Document 11

21. No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale”: Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety Plan addresses Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material ("NORM"). This section limits the drill cuttings to be tested for radioactivity to “black shale.” Although this phrase is used in the regulations, it is not defined there or in the Safety Plan, nor at any other point in the Application. Accordingly, what is considered the “black shale” subject to this testing requirement is unspecified. The Plan should therefore be amended to identify the specific geologic formations that the Applicant considers to be “black shale,” in the vicinity of its proposed well, including the formation depth, so the extent of sampling will be clear.

22. Safety Considerations of the General Public: There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.

Containment Plan- Document 12

23. The Containment Plan is completely inadequate. It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments on the inadequacy of the “earthen containment berms and the lack of specificity in the number of containment tanks especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.

Casing and Cementing Plan- Document 13

24. Missing Information in the Casing and Cementing Plan: The casing and cementing plan does not address the requirements labeled in Document 13 regarding the potential for earthquakes. The application is therefore incomplete and must either be amended by the applicant or denied by IDNR. Furthermore, the casing and cementing plan is completely inadequate to meet Illinois’ regulations. It does not include the detail required by the HFRA and cannot be approved without this critical information.

Traffic Management Plan- Document 14

25. Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River: The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.

Proof of Insurance- Document 18

26. The Certificate of Insurance is insufficient to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

Failure to Specify Earthquake or Floodplain Hazard

27. Specification of Earthquake area or floodplain missing or inadequate: The Department’s form requires the applicant to identify whether the insured wells...
location is in a define earthquake area or a regulatory floodplain. The Application meets neither requirement.

**Topsoil Preservation Plan - Document 19**

28. **Topsoil Plan Inadequate** - The Department’s form requires that the Topsoil Preservation Plan must be provided with “detail.” (“Please detail the plan to stockpile, stabilize . . . any topsoil and subsoil . . .”). No information is provided as to the amount of soil (top or sub) that will be stockpiled. The level of negligible detail that IS provided, seems more like an effort to expend the least possible effort and expense in handling the soil by just spreading it around the site. Accordingly, it does not appear to be a “preservation” plan at all given this lack of detail.

29. **Inadequate Water Quality Monitoring Plan** - The HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring is over six pages in length and is specific as to what is required in an approvable plan. The applicant plan is completely inadequate in addressing everything required for in the HFRA. For example, the applicant’s monitoring plan does not identify a single specific sampling point. Similarly the groundwater section is also generic. This is unacceptable and the application should be denied on this basis.

30. **Data Analysis Procedure Plan Inadequate** - The laboratory tests require an interpretation of the test results and for that purpose, the Applicant concludes its Water Quality Monitoring Plan with a section titled “Data Analysis Procedures.” The Section is completely generic and does not actually provide such analytic procedures, thus rendering the Application incomplete. Instead of supplying an actual data analysis plan, the Applicant merely states that “the method to be used under this plan is based on (emphasis added) U.S. EPA methodology established for the assessment of contaminants in environmental samples, and is described in Chapter 9 of U.S. EPA publication 846. We plan to use a data analysis plan based on that methodology.” Accordingly, no plan is proposed that can be evaluated during the public comment period and the Application is incomplete. There is no valid reason why such a plan cannot be presented for comment now. Without it, the application must be denied.

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**Radioactive Materials Management - Document 25**

32. **Lack of Clarification on “Black Shale” subject to sampling** - As stated in the previous comments under Document 11, the Wellsite Safety Plan, the phrase “black shale” is not defined in the regulations and the extent of sampling thereof is uncertain. Please confirm what geologic formations you consider to be in the “black shale” that will be tested pursuant to this requirement.

33. **Need to Clarify If Filters Will Be Used and Tested for Radioactivity** - One of the most serious sources for radioactive contamination is from filters used at hydraulic fracturing sites and disposal sites. No mention is made of filters in the Application or of the specific type of equipment to be used on-site. The Applicant must state whether any filters will be utilized on-site and if so, how they will be managed.

**Bond - Document 27**

34. **Insufficient bond** - The bond amount identified in the application is in the amount of $50,000, which is the amount for a single well, not a blanket bond. In the approximate center of the bond is a box captioned with: “ONLY COMPLETE IF BOND IS FOR INDIVIDUAL WELL OR PERMIT.” The information to be entered in this box for an individual well gives locational and identifying information for the well covered, but the Applicant fails to provide any of that information. The Applicant must either provide a new Bond with this
Section 09 Water Source Management Plan

(f) Identify the methods to be used to minimize impact to aquatic life.

Comment: Woolsey reports that they anticipate injecting 7.5 million gallons of Frac fluid in part (d) of this section. But their onsite capacity for flowback is identified as 126,000 gallons. How can 7.5 million gallons come back as 126,000? Woolsey has no back up plan if this storage capacity proves too small.

(g) Identify the methods to be used to minimize withdrawals as much as feasible.

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Section 11 Well Site Safety Plan

The Schematic of Well Pad & HVHHF Flow Back Operations in Figure 2.1 shows 3 flow back fluid storage tanks. By contrast, the Water Source Management Plan lists 6 flow back
fluid storage tanks, each with a 21,000 gallon capacity. If the schematic correct, on site storage for flow back fluid is reduced to 63,000 gallons.

- **Comments and Questions:**
  - Which is correct?
  - Regardless of which is correct, see the comment made in section 9(f). When Woolsey anticipates 7.5 million gallons of frac fluid, have they demonstrated that their proposed flowback storage is adequate?
  - Figure 2-4: Site Waterways Setback on Page 14 states it is 3700’ to the nearest perennial stream. The original Well Site Setback plan illustrates at least 5 “non-perennial streams”. Who designates these streams as “non-perennial” and what precautions is Woolsey proposing to ensure safety regarding these streams?

Page 117 of the 164 page Well Site Safety Plan has a table listing examples of “Permissible Heat Exposure TLV” (Threshold Limit Values).

- **Comment/Question:** Will adequate personnel be on duty at all appropriate times to accommodate this schedule?

Concerning Attachment E: Fugitive Dust Control Plan:

- **Comments/Questions:**
  - Note: There are multiple mentions of “observed”, “substantial fugitive dust”. Is there a definition of “substantial fugitive dust”?
  - Section 2.7 “Dust Control On Paved Roads” – What provisions have been made to ensure the “Wheel Wash” they describe will be installed and monitored at the location named?

Section 2.10 “Control of Other Air Emissions”: Under the heading “Appropriate emission”, it states that “Low-Sulfur Diesel will be used when possible.”

- **Comment/Question:**
  - Who and what determines when it is possible? IDNR should require they burn Low - Sulfur Diesel at all times. Availability is not an issue.

Section 12: The Containment Plan

Page 2 of this section states: “During flow back operations the tanks located within the area of the wellsite will also be surrounded by a dike capable of holding 150% of the total volume of the single largest container or tank within a common secondary containment area. The secondary containment will be inspected as required by 245.820.”

- **Comment:**
  - The potential volume of flow back fluid should be the determinate of dyke size, not the volume of any single container on site to temporarily hold flow back fluids.

Section 12: Casing & Cementing Plan

Page 2 of this section states: “Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present.”

- **Comments/Questions**
  - Will IDNR have an inspector present?
  - How will this be documented?

The Woolsey addendum goes on to state: “Pursuant to 245.550, prior to drilling out the casing shoe, a Blow Out Preventer (BOP) shall be installed on the well by certified personal” (sic). “Prior to testing the BOP, IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present when the tests are performed.

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- **Comments/Questions**
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On page 3 of this section, the addendum states: “Prior to testing the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present. The casing will be tested using brine to fill the casing and pressure tested to 70% of its minimum internal yield for 30 minutes.

Comments/Questions:
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Section 16: Public Notice

Page 1 of this section states: “If necessary, a public hearing is scheduled for the 02 day of August, 2017....”

Comments/Questions:
- Who determines if it is “necessary”?
- Who will be allowed to testify? What type of testimony will be allowed?
- Are there parameters in place for such a hearing? If yes, What are they?
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Robert Grider
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The application is woefully lacking in data and information required by the Illinois legislature and Illinois DNR under the rules and regulations of the HFRA that are designed to protect public health and the environment, and so cannot be approved as submitted. For example, the permit application does not give the exact location of the two disposal wells. The locations should be given with GPS coordinates so that the public knows exactly where these wells are located.

From the information that is provided, a number of concerns arise, including but not limited to:

1. The application requests exceptionally large water withdrawals from groundwater resources that are very susceptible to depletion, and fails to include plans to recycle water or otherwise minimize water consumption.
2. The application significantly underestimates flowback volumes, and plans for inadequate containment facilities for even that amount of flowback and other chemicals/wastes that the application does estimate.
3. The application conceals information on hazardous fracking chemicals without attempting to demonstrate entitlement to trade secret protection.
4. The application includes inadequate insurance for the well, with insurance that excludes the very types of damages to private landowners' property that should be protected.
5. The operations as described in the application would fail to preserve topsoil, and the stormwater management plan is inadequate.
6. The application plans for deficient surface and groundwater sampling. Adequate sampling must be required to protect important water sources.

Thank you for your attention to my comments. Illinois DNR should reject the company's inadequate permit application that fails to protect our health and environment.

Sincerely,

Andrew Griesemer

This message was sent by KnowWho, as a service provider only, on behalf of the individual noted in the sender information.
I oppose HVHHF-000001. There is evidence that fracking contributes to both toxic air and water pollution in nearby communities. The methane leakage produced by fracking is a significant contributor to climate change.

Thank you,

Sent from my mobile device.
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Brown, Ronda

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Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 11:11 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

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Jun 28, 2017

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Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 2:41 PM
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Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 10:42 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
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Mrs. Michelle Groves
Re: HVHHF # 000001.....Please do not allow Fracking in Illinois....I have serious concerns about the side effects including ground water contamination, environmental pollution, and consequent earthquake triggering.

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Janet Guaderrama
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Jun 16, 2017

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Brown, Ronda

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Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 1:39 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Geoff Guy
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of N H <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 2:12 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 17, 2017

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Brown, Ronda

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Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 2:33 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
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Dear Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources,

I am writing about HVHHF-000001, the request from Woolsey for a High Volume Fracking permit, a permit I ask you to deny.

Woolsey is an out-of-state company that has shown negligence even in the application process - they gave the wrong location in their application and fail to include all the data and information required by the General Assembly and IDNR to protect public health and the environment. Claims they make in their application are also inconsistent. If Woolsey cannot be bothered with careful attention to detail and accuracy in their application, how can you expect compliance with safety regulations in their actual operations?

Of particular concern to the public based on Woolsey's application are:

1. A lack of regard for public water safety and supply:
   * Woolsey proposes exceptionally large water withdrawals from groundwater resources that are very susceptible to depletion.
   * Woolsey does NOT propose to recycle water or otherwise minimize water consumption.
   * Deficient surface and groundwater sampling
   * An inadequate storm water management plan
   * The plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.
   * The entity proposed to "independently monitor" water quality is co-owned by the founder of a pro-fracking group formed to fight a community bill of rights in 2014. This is hardly a neutral or independent party.

2. A lack of regard for public health and safety:
   * Significant underestimation of flowback volumes, and inadequate containment facilities for even that amount of flowback and other chemicals/wastes that the application does estimate.
   * Concealment of information on hazardous fracking chemicals without attempting to demonstrate entitlement to trade secret protection.
   * No testing plan for flowback water (although required by law)

3. A lack of regard for other people's property and topsoil resources
   * Inadequate insurance, with insurance that excludes the very types of damages to private landowners’ property that should be protected. The certificate of insurance fails to meet requirements set by the HFRA.
   * Failure to preserve topsoil

I urge you to deny this permit.

Thank you.

Martha Van Haitsma
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4. The application includes inadequate insurance for the well, with insurance that excludes the very types of damages to private landowners' property that should be protected.
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6. The application plans for deficient surface and groundwater sampling. Adequate sampling must be required to protect important water sources.

Thank you for your attention to my comments. Illinois DNR should reject the company's inadequate permit application that fails to protect our health and environment.

Sincerely,

Anne Haggerty
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Please oppose fracking. We don't need more fossil fuels, and fracking has been linked to earthquakes in Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Hall

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HVHHF #000001

I am writing on behalf of ONE Northside and Fair Economy Illinois regarding the The Woolsey application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit.

The Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There were overarching generalities and deficiencies in the application, not to mention problems where information was actually provided.

We continue to have a concern regarding Woolsey’s capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete initial application to engage in high volume horizontal fracking. They were essentially given an “open book” test with the passage of the HFRA and have demonstrated they still can’t pass that test without extensive help on the part of the Department, the environmental community and the public through written comments. We believe they have demonstrated that they lack both the capacity and willingness to comply with the law. As such, we assert that they should not be granted a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois.

Sincerely,

Jessica Haley

ONE Northside/Fair Economy Illinois
COMMENTS

Specific comments included below reference the documents contained in the Woolsey Permit Application HVHHF-000001 and are in relation to the regulations outlined in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act, 225 ILCS 732, unless otherwise indicated.

COMMENTS

Directional Drilling Plan- Document 3

1. Directional Drilling Plan- The drilling lengths and depths submitted in the Plan do not match the depth in the scaled cross-section. There is also a discrepancy in angle of the non-vertical portion of the wellbore. If Woolsey cannot provide accurate information in their application, how can we trust them to drill in our state?

Underground Freshwater Information- Document 4

2. Inadequate Determination of Underground Freshwater - No Geological Survey Data submitted- Section 245.210(a)(5) requires reference to the Illinois State Geological Survey with regard to its proposed drilling. This is critical to insure that freshwater will not be contaminated. Woolsey has failed to provide this information.

3. Inadequate Evidence to Establish the Lowest Potential Fresh Water - Again, Woolsey has failed to provide this information. As such a clear potential exists that fresh water could exist below the drilling depth in a lower formation.

HVHHF Operations Plan - Document 5

4. Failure to Clearly Identify Formation to be Stimulated - The permit fails to clearly identify the formation that will be stimulated or fracked by the operation other than to state that the “drilling objective” is the New Albany Shale but later refers to the “objective” being the “Grassy Creek” shale and, later still, describes the “reservoir zone”, and the Semier Shale as the “frac barrier.” These terms are not synonymous and therefore both confusing and inadequate.

5. Failure to Clearly Identify the Confining Zone - Section 245.210(a)(6) requires the Applicant to specifically identify and describe the formation or formations that constitute the “confining zone” for the proposed well. The application fails to meet this requirement. In fact, it fails to use this term at all in its application.

6. Missing Data - There is no information, data, or calculations supplied on either a micro-seismic study or the “historic” use to support whether the identification of the “frac barriers” is technically sound. The application contains no information on which a reliable conclusion can be reliably drawn regarding a confining zone or “frac barrier” and the Application is therefore inadequate and must be denied.
7. **Confusing Data**- The Role of the Selmier Shale is listed as both a “drilling objective” and a “frac barrier” (confining zone?) in the application. It cannot serve two purposes. It is either a drilling objective or a confining zone.

8. **Inadequate Information**- Fracturing Pressure- The fracturing pressure of the “producing zone” is given as 2,875 psi. Yet three separate formations are mentioned as “drilling objectives.” The same psi for all three would not be used.

9. **Missing Data**- Surface Training Pressure Range- This information is entirely missing.

10. **No information on the Vertical Propagation of Fractures** - One of the most important safety features established in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the requirement that the susceptibility for vertical propagation of fractures in the confining zone and the formations contributing to that zone, are accurately determined and stated in the application, Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). The Document completely fails to satisfy this safeguard. The singular sentence it does provide fails to articulate a conclusion that the well plans are adequate and effective. On this basis alone, the permit should be denied.

11. **Missing Data**- No information on extent, water or water source, is provided for any formation and no thickness information is provided for the three formations constituting the New Albany Shale.

12. **Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking** - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHHF wells is a major public health and safety concern and is therefore a specific requirement for analysis in Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). However, no specific information or reliable analysis on this important feature is provided in the Document. No information on the scope, lateral extent, depth or sophistication of this survey is provided.

**Chemical Disclosure Report- Document 7**

13. **Chemical Disclosure Plan** The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on “Composition/Information on Ingredients” lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:

   1) Oxyalkylated alkylphenol (10-20% of total mixture),

   2) Fatty acids (5-10% of total mixture),

   3) Complex alkylaryl polyo-ester (5-10% of total mixture) and

   4) Acetylenic alcohol (1-5% of total mixture).

All four of these constituent chemicals have their Chemical Abstract Service Number concealed on the Safety Data Sheet for the stated reason of “Trade Secret.”

**Water Source Management Plan- Document 9**
14. Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of reasonable use shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will employ to minimize groundwater withdrawals and, even worse, fails to indicate that the applicant undertook any effort at all to consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations.

This is a special concern in this Application where the Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit over-consumption. Further supporting this concern is the fact that the Applicant’s proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This quantity is a full 50% greater than what the Department itself considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of from “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”

No justification is given by the Applicant for this exceptionally large water use or why it should not be deemed wasteful in violation of Illinois’ reasonable use doctrine for groundwater withdrawals. Such exceptionally large water consumption is particularly significant in White County, as this water will be removed from three (3) groundwater wells located in fairly shallow sand and gravel aquifers that can be rapidly depleted. Illinois has already had two significant droughts in the last 10 years. The Woolsey application indicates it plans on withdrawing the bulk of its water in the summer months when drought conditions and aquifer depletion are at their highest.

The Applicant’s failure to address its minimization duty is further compounded by its apparent failure to consider use of recycled water for its operation. Its only consideration of recycled water use is a single sentence in its Water Source Management Plan that “Backflow will not commence until injection in all frac stages has been completed, thus there will be no opportunity for use of recycled water in the hydraulic fracture completion.”

Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a
basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.

The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

15. Will there be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site- The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will involve three water wells to supply 7,500,000 gallons of water for the base fluid of the hydraulic fracturing operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7:

The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHHF water supply wells) and a surface water body (a stock pond). A fourth potentially required water supply well may be drilled, and, if completed, will be included in this monitoring program. (emphasis added)

Apparently, Woolsey does not intend to be bound by its Water Source Management Plan and reserves discretion to modify it for its own undisclosed purposes in a manner that might increase its already high levels of water consumption. However, the clear intent of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is to make these plans binding. Accordingly, the Department should require that the reference highlighted above to a possible fourth well be deleted from the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and the Applicant expressly limited to the three wells proposed in the Water Source Management Plan, provided a valid consideration of minimization methods and alternatives does not reduce that number even further (see previous comment).

Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10

16. Inadequate information on Fracturing Fluids- The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of information and either completely neglects or is patently vague on numerous items of required information. Equally unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required by paragraph (b) of the Department’s form regarding fracturing fluid is provided as the only information stated in the Applicant’s plan is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information on “injection schedule, flow rate, reuse volume, storage, any treatment and total volume in detail.”
17. Unrealistic Rate of Flowback Recovery Proposed- The application states an anticipated 4-5,000 barrels of flowback will be recovered but fails to give information on how this number was calculated. The number proposed in the application is 2.8% of the total estimated to be utilized. This is substantially less (5.4 to 7.1 times less) than the average amount of flowback highlighted by the Ohio DNR for fracking, which is 15-20% of the total volume used. If the Ohio numbers are correct, Woolsey will have dramatically underestimated it’s needs for storage capacity and transport. Woolsey must be required to quantify how it arrived at its numbers or be denied a permit on this basis.

18. Inadequate Information on Storage Tanks- The application states that the storage tanks will meet the qualities for the “purpose built.” There is no identification as to the number of storage tanks, which will be critical in light of the above comment, nor is there information on the rate/frequency for emptying the tanks. These are all inadequate.

19. No Testing Plan for Flowback Water- This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.

20. Use of Earthen Containment Berms- The plan states that the flowback storage tanks will be “enclosed by earthen containment berms which will be of sufficient size to contain all of the possible flow back fluid temporary storage volume.” No information is provided regarding the engineering properties or layout of these earthen berms. Earthen berms are inadequate for site containment. And, s identified in previous comments, if the flowback calculation is closer to Ohio DNR’s numbers, the storage proposed will be completely inadequate.

Wellsite Safety Plan- Document 11

21. No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale”- Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety Plan addresses Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (“NORM”). This section limits the drill cuttings to be tested for radioactivity to “black shale.” Although this phrase is used in the regulations, it is not defined there or in the Safety Plan, nor at any other point in the Application. Accordingly, what is considered the “black shale” subject to this testing requirement is unspecified. The Plan should therefore be amended to identify the specific geologic formations that the Applicant considers to be “black shale,” in the vicinity of its proposed well, including the formation depth, so the extent of sampling will be clear.

22. Safety Considerations of the General Public- There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.

Containment Plan- Document 12

23. The Containment Plan is completely inadequate. It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments on the inadequacy of the “earthen containment berms and the lack of specificity in the number of containment tanks especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.

Casing and Cementing Plan- Document 13
24. **Missing Information in the Casing and Cementing Plan** - The casing and cementing plan does not address the requirements labeled in Document 13 regarding the potential for earthquakes. The application is therefore incomplete and must either be amended by the applicant or denied by IDNR. Furthermore, the casing and cementing plan is completely inadequate to meet Illinois’ regulations. It does not include the detail required by the HFRA and cannot be approved without this critical information.

**Traffic Management Plan- Document 14**

25. **Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River** - The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.

**Proof of Insurance- Document 18**

26. **The Certificate of insurance is insufficient** to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

**Failure to Specify Earthquake or Floodplain Hazard**

27. **Specification of Earthquake area or floodplain missing or inadequate** - The Department’s form requires the applicant to identify whether the insured wellsite location is in a define earthquake area or a regulatory floodplain. The Application meets neither requirement.

**Topsoil Preservation Plan- Document 19**

28. **Topsoil Plan Inadequate** - The Department’s form requires that the Topsoil Preservation Plan must be provided with “detail.” (“Please detail the plan to stockpile, stabilize . . . any topsoil and subsoil . . .”). No information is provided as to the amount of soil (top or sub) that will be stockpiled. The level of negligible detail that IS provided, seems more like an effort to expend the least possible effort and expense in handling the soil by just spreading it around the site. Accordingly, it does not appear to be a “preservation” plan at all given this lack of detail.

**Water Quality Monitoring Plan**

29. **Inadequate Water Quality Monitoring Plan** - The HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring is over six pages in length and is specific as to what is required in an approvable plan. The applicant plan is completely inadequate in addressing everything required for in the HFRA. For example, the applicant’s monitoring plan does not identify a single specific sampling point. Similarly the groundwater section is also generic. This is unacceptable and the application should be denied on this basis.

30. **Data Analysis Procedure Plan Inadequate** - The laboratory tests require an interpretation of the test results and for that purpose, the Applicant concludes its Water Quality Monitoring Plan with a section titled “Data
Analysis Procedures.” The Section is completely generic and does not actually provide such analytic procedures, thus rendering the Application incomplete. Instead of supplying an actual data analysis plan, the Applicant merely states that “the method to be used under this plan is based on (emphasis added) U.S. EPA methodology established for the assessment of contaminants in environmental samples, and is described in Chapter 9 of U.S. EPA publication 846. We plan to use a data analysis plan based on that methodology.” Accordingly, no plan is proposed that can be evaluated during the public comment period and the Application is incomplete. There is no valid reason why such a plan cannot be presented for comment now. Without it, the application must be denied.

31. Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan is not “independent”- The "Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan" calls for an "independent third party" to collect and sample water to establish baseline measurements of water quality and quantity. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan also tasks an "independent third party" to collect and sample water for years into the future. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan application states Shawnee Professional Services will collect water samples to establish baseline measurements. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan application also states Shawnee Professional Services will collect water samples for years into the future. There can be no greater public interest than the monitoring of water quality & quantity. The public must depend on IDNR to protect its interests. Shawnee Professional Services has a conflict of interest. Mitch Garret owner of Shawnee Professional Services was a founder of a pro fracking group formed in Johnson County to fight the non-binding resolution "A Community Bill of Rights" in the spring of 2014. The pro fracking group felt so threatened by the non-binding "A Community Bill of Rights" resolution that one of its first acts was to "convince" The Vienna Times newspaper, three weeks prior to the vote, to refuse all anti-fracking advertisement, articles and letters to the editor. To leave the ultimate "public interest" in the hands of a company owned by Mitch Garret is to not understand the meaning of independent third party.

Radioactive Materials Management- Document 25

32. Lack of Clarification on “Black Shale” subject to sampling- As stated in the previous comments under Document 11, the Wellsite Safety Plan, the phrase “black shale” is not defined in the regulations and the extent of sampling thereof is uncertain. Please confirm what geologic formations you consider to be in the “black shale” that will be tested pursuant to this requirement.

33. Need to Clarify If Filters Will Be Used and Tested for Radioactivity.- One of the most serious sources for radioactive contamination is from filters used at hydraulic fracturing sites and disposal sites. No mention is made of filters in the Application or of the specific type of equipment to be used on-site. The Applicant must state whether any filters will be utilized on-site and if so, how they will be managed.

Bond- Document 27

34. Insufficient bond- The bond amount identified in the application is in the amount of $50,000 which is the amount for a single well, not a blanket bond. In the approximate center of the bond is a box captioned with: “ONLY COMPLETE IF BOND IS FOR INDIVIDUAL WELL OR PERMIT.” The information to be entered in this box for an individual well gives locational and identifying information for the well covered, but the Applicant fails to provide any of that information. The Applicant must either provide a new Bond with this information or provide an explanation for why the Bond is incomplete and does not identify the well addressed in the Application.
(f) Identify the methods to be used to minimize impact to aquatic life.

Comment: Woolsey reports that they anticipate injecting 7.5 million gallons of Frac fluid in part (d) of this section. But their onsite capacity for flowback is identified as 126,000 gallons. How can 7.5 million gallons come back as 126,000? Woolsey has no back up plan if this storage capacity proves too small.

(g) Identify the methods to be used to minimize withdrawals as much as feasible.

Comment: Woolsey states that it is “not in the interest of the applicant to overuse water in the HVHHF process” but it nowhere in their comments do they explain the methods it will use to minimize withdrawals. One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

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Section 11 Well Site Safety Plan

The Schematic of Well Pad & HVHGF Flow Back Operations in Figure 2.1 shows 3 flow back fluid storage tanks. By contrast, the Water Source Management Plan lists 6 flow back fluid storage tanks, each with a 21,000 gallon capacity. If the schematic correct, on site storage for flow back fluid is reduced to 63,000 gallons.

- Comments and Questions:
  - Which is correct?
  - Regardless of which is correct, see the comment made in section 9(f). When Woolsey anticipates 7.5 million gallons of frac fluid, have they demonstrated that their proposed flowback storage is adequate?
  - Figure 2-4: Site Waterways Setback on Page 14 states it is 3700’ to the nearest perennial stream. The original Well Site Setback plan illustrates at least 5 "non-perennial streams". Who designates these streams as "non-perennial" and what precautions is Woolsey proposing to ensure safety regarding these streams?

Page 117 of the 164 page Well Site Safety Plan has a table listing examples of "Permissible Heat Exposure TLV" (Threshold Limit Values).
• **Comment/Question:** Will adequate personnel be on duty at all appropriate times to accommodate this schedule?

Concerning Attachment E: Fugitive Dust Control Plan:

**Comments/Questions:**

• Note: There are multiple mentions of "observed", "substantial fugitive dust". Is there a definition of "substantial fugitive dust"?

• Section 2.7 "Dust Control On Paved Roads" – What provisions have been made to ensure the “Wheel Wash” they describe will be installed and monitored at the location named?

Section 2.10 “Control of Other Air Emissions”: Under the heading “Appropriate emission”, it states that "Low-Sulfur Diesel will be used when possible."

**Comment/Question:**

• Who and what determines when it is possible? IDNR should require they burn Low - Sulfur Diesel at all times. Availability is not an issue.

Section 12: The Containment Plan

Page 2 of this section states: “During flow back operations the tanks located within the area of the wellsite will also be surrounded by a dike capable of holding 150% of the total volume of the single largest container or tank within a common secondary containment area. The secondary containment will be inspected as required by 245.820.”

**Comment:**

• The potential volume of flow back fluid should be the determinate of dyke size, not the volume of any single container on site to temporarily hold flow back fluids.

Section 12: Casing & Cementing Plan

Page 2 of this section states: “Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present.”
Comments/Questions

- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
- How will this be documented?

The Woolsey addendum goes on to state: “Pursuant to 245.550, prior to drilling out the casing shoe, a Blow Out Preventer (BOP) shall be installed on the well by certified personal” (sic). “Prior to testing the BOP, IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present when the tests are performed.

Comments/Questions

- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
- How will this be documented?

On the bottom of page 2 and continuing onto page 3 of this section, the addendum states: “Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present.”

Comments/Questions

- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
- How will this be documented?

On page 3 of this section, the addendum states: “Prior to testing the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present. The casing will be tested using brine to fill the casing and pressure tested to 70% of its minimum internal yield for 30 minutes.

Comments/Questions:

- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
- How will this be documented?

Section 16: Public Notice
Page 1 of this section states: “If necessary, a public hearing is scheduled for the 02 day of August, 2017…."

Comments/Questions:

- Who determines if it is “necessary”?
- Who will be allowed to testify? What type of testimony will be allowed?
- Are there parameters in place for such a hearing? If yes, What are they?
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David Ham
Hvhhf-000001

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Jenna Harker

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Keith Hargrove
Brown, Ronda

From: Virginia Harmon
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 6:57 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Jun 17, 2017

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Russell Hart
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Jun 18, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Barbara Hauser
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Barbara Hauser <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 8:49 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 16, 2017

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Ms. Barbara Hauser
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[automail@knowwho.com]
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Fracked wells "will" leak into the surrounding environment, and nothing can be done to stop it: water and air samples prove it.

In addition to all of these known problems with fracking, Woolsey cannot to be trusted: they had an explosion at one of their sites in 2014 in Fairfield, IL.

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Marilyn Haverly

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The IDNR surely wants to protect the resources, communities, and future of Illinois, please deny Woolsey's unnecessary plans to put these things at risk.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Rachel Havrelock
To Whom It May Concern:

I write as a citizen of Illinois, deeply devoted to protecting and preserving fresh water resources for the people of our state. Thank you for considering my comments below.

Sincerely,

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Woolsey Operating Company LLC Application for Permit in White County

1) IDNR's Public Notice identifies this proposed well as a gas well, while the application indicates that the proposed well is an oil well and that gas will be flared.

2) Woolsey Operating Co. LLC was involved in a blowout in Wayne County while the company was fracking a well, and two workers were injured. This company should not be allowed to conduct HVHHF operations.

3) Seven million gallons of fresh, potable water are too much to be used for an oil well.

4) We are concerned about the loud noise, bright lights, and increased truck traffic that will be created by the operation, especially at night.

5) The EPA has concluded that oil and gas operations have contaminated water supplies, and the risk of contaminating fresh water outweighs the benefits of production from this well. https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/hfdwa_executive_summary.pdf

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Brown, Ronda

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Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 1:56 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Julie Hecktman
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Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Sincerely,

Marcia Heeter

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Jun 25, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Sincerely,

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3839 W Wrightwood Ave.
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Dr. Robert Heitzinger
Brown, Ronda

From: marcia heitz  Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 6:13 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Mrs. crystal hejl
Brown, Ronda

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Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 4:19 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Brown, Ronda

From: Robin Helms [automail@knowwho.com]  Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 6:42 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Mr. Henry Henderson
Brown, Ronda

From: Greg Henderson [automail@knowwho.com] Sent You a Personal Message
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:48 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Brown, Ronda

From: Ernie Hendrickson
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 2:37 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Sincerely,

Cheryl Henley
Jul 1, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Edith Henry
Brown, Ronda

From: KATHLEEN HENRICKS <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2017 10:51 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Elaine M. Henry

[Redacted]
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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Janella Harper Herbig <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 11:39 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 27, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Sara Hernandez <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:41 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
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Brown, Ronda

From: Lauren Herskovic
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 10:25 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] No Fracking In IL (Review #HVHHF-000001)

To Whom It May Concern:

As an Illinois citizen and an air-breathing human being, I submit my opposition to allowing the Woolsey Operating Company to frack in IL. (This is in regards to review #HVHHF-000001) It has been proven that fracking contributes to both toxic air and water pollution in nearby communities, and I can't ignore the increased number of earthquakes in US states that have a lot of fracking activity.

This is bad for our environment and bad for our state.

Please, please, please do not open IL up to fracking. It is so obvious that as a global community, we are trending to cleaner/safer/more renewable sources of energy. Let us focus our efforts there, which will help not only the environment but the IL economy.

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Jerry Herst
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I urge IDNR to deny the Woolsey HVHFF #000001 application for a variety of reasons, including the following.

1. In general, the Woolsey application is woefully lacking in data and information required by the General Assembly and the IDNR to protect public health and the environment.

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Donella Hess-Grabill
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Ms. Lee Hettinga
Brown, Ronda

From: Arlene Hickory
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 3:04 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Jun 16, 2017

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Oil & Gas Regulatory Staff,

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Jun 23, 2017

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Jun 17, 2017

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The people of Illinois do NOT want fracking. Illinois needs a solar and geothermal program instead that would put out of work Illinoisans back on the payroll.

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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Jeanette Hirt <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 3:22 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 25, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Jun 18, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Joyce Hofmann <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 10:49 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Finally, we should be reducing our use of fossil fuels and relying more on increasing energy efficiency, reducing energy demand, and developing renewable energy sources.

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The application includes inadequate insurance for the well and the insurance excludes the types of damages to private landowners' property that could occur.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Nicholas Holhut
Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

Why are we letting China win the Green Energy war? Lawmakers seem to favor oil, coal, and natural gas over the future of our energy independence. It's as if lawmakers would have given horse and buggy incentives and cut automobile incentives, forcing the burgeoning auto industry overseas crippling our economic future. Don't turn us into a has-been country. Let's be leaders once again. Country over Party!!

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Mr. Chris Holly
Brown, Ronda

From: Christopher Holly Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 3:51 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Ann Holt-Harris
Geneva, IL
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Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 8:43 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Jun 16, 2017

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Woolsey Oil Company plans to use these types of injection wells. This is particularly concerning since these wells are located in the Wabash Valley Seismic, indicating that the risk of increased seismic activity is even greater with this well site. Since insurance companies are not covering damages associated with these man-made earthquakes, this places the residents of Southern Illinois at significant economic risk.

I hope you will consider this concern as you evaluate the permit process.

Barbara J. Hosto-Marti
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Ms. Deborah Howard
General Delivery

Not needed
Jun 23, 2017

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Ms. Ryann Howard
I urge you to oppose all fracking in Illinois, Review Number (HVHHF-000001)

– The Environmental Protection Agency concluded that fracking has an impact on quality and/or quantity of drinking water.
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Lynne Hoyer
Dear Department of Natural Resources, State of Illinois,

I am writing to comment on the Woolsey application for a permit to use hydraulic fracking. The permit does not adequately explain how water quality will be monitored by the company.

The company’s plan does not explain how it will follow the HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring. For example, the company does not identify a single sampling point. Also, the groundwater section is generic, making the application unacceptable.

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Dr. Leona Hubatch
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Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
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Sincerely,
Sonya Huber
Associate Professor, English
Fairfield University
I wish to object strongly to fracking anywhere near the New Madrid Fault. Please listen to geologists and other scientists related to the dangers.

Sent from my iPhone
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Laura Hugg

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These are only some of my concerns. Since this first application will set precedent for other similar requests, it must reflect the best interests of the people of Illinois.

Please keep me informed regarding the outcome of this permit process.

Thank you,
Diane Lopez Hughes

Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?
Mary Oliver
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COMMENTS on HVHHF #000001: Supplemental Application Information

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Page 1 of this section states: "If necessary, a public hearing is scheduled for the 02 day of August, 2017...."

Comments/Questions:
· Who determines if it is "necessary"?
· Who will be allowed to testify? What type of testimony will be allowed?
· Are there parameters in place for such a hearing? If yes, What are they?

Section 09: Water Source Management Plan
(f) Identify the methods to be used to minimize impact to aquatic life.

Comment:
Woolsey inadequately reports their plans and even intentions to monitor the volume of flowback water following injection to ensure that fugitive effluent is accounted for. Woolsey also inadequately represents the basis of their assumptions for necessary volume of flowback water storage.

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Comment:
The threshold of feasibility is not defined, making it impossible for IDNR to determine whether methods for water withdrawal minimization were adequate or even considered by the applicant.

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Brown, Ronda

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Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 4:07 PM  
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From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Dorothy Hynous <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 3:41 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 16, 2017

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Gina Iles

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Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10

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Wellsite Safety Plan- Document 11
21. No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale”- Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety
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Containment Plan- Document 12
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9. **Missing Data** - Surface Training Pressure Range - This information is entirely missing.

10. **No Information on the Vertical Propagation of Fractures** - One of the most important safety features established in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the requirement that the susceptibility for vertical propagation of fractures in the confining zone and the formations contributing to that zone, are accurately determined and stated in the application, Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). The Document completely fails to satisfy this safeguard. The singular sentence it does provide fails to articulate a
conclusion that the well plans are adequate and effective. On this basis alone, the permit should be denied.

11. **Missing Data** - No information on extent, water or water source, is provided for any formation and no thickness information is provided for the three formations constituting the New Albany Shale.

12. **Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking** - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHHF wells is a major public health and safety concern and is therefore a specific requirement for analysis in Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). However, no specific information or reliable analysis on this important feature is provided in the Document. No information on the scope, lateral extent, depth or sophistication of this survey is provided.

Chemical Disclosure Report - Document 7

13. **Chemical Disclosure Plan** The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on “Composition/Information on Ingredients” lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:

1) Oxyalkylated alkylphenol (10-20% of total mixture),
2) Fatty acids (5-10% of total mixture),
3) Complex alkylaryl polyo-ester (5-10% of total mixture) and
4) Acetylenic alcohol (1-5% of total mixture).

All four of these constituent chemicals have their Chemical Abstract Service Number concealed on the Safety Data Sheet for the stated reason of “Trade Secret.”

Water Source Management Plan - Document 9

14. **Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals** One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.
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The Applicant’s failure to address its minimization duty is further compounded by its apparent failure to consider use of recycled water for its operation. Its only consideration of recycled water use is a single sentence in its Water Source Management Plan that “Backflow will not commence until injection in all frac stages has been completed, thus there will be no opportunity for use of recycled water in the hydraulic fracture completion.”

Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.

The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.
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15. Will there be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site- The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will involve three water wells to supply 7,500,000 gallons of water for the base fluid of the hydraulic fracturing operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7:

   The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHHF water supply wells) and a surface water body (a stock pond). *A fourth potentially required water supply well may be drilled, and, if completed, will be included in this monitoring program.* (emphasis added)

Apparently, Woolsey does not intend to be bound by its Water Source Management Plan and reserves discretion to modify it for its own undisclosed purposes in a manner that might increase its already high levels of water consumption. However, the clear intent of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is to make these plans binding. Accordingly, the Department should require that the reference highlighted above to a possible fourth well be deleted from the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and the Applicant expressly limited to the three wells proposed in the Water Source Management Plan, provided a valid consideration of minimization methods and alternatives does not reduce that number even further (see previous comment).

Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10

16. Inadequate information on Fracturing Fluids- The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of information and either completely neglects or is patently vague on numerous items of required information. Equally unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required by paragraph (b) of the Department’s form regarding fracturing fluid is provided as the only information stated in the Applicant’s plan is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information on “injection schedule, flow rate, reuse volume, storage, any treatment and total volume in detail.”

17. Unrealistic Rate of Flowback Recovery Proposed- The application states an anticipated 4-5,000 barrels of flowback will be recovered but fails to give information on how this number was calculated. The number proposed in the application is 2.8% of the total estimated to be utilized. This is substantially less (5.4 to 7.1 times less) than the average amount of flowback highlighted by the Ohio DNR for fracking, which is 15-20% of the total volume used. If the Ohio numbers are correct, Woolsey will have dramatically underestimated it’s needs for storage capacity and transport. Woolsey must be required to quantify how it arrived at its numbers or be denied a permit on this basis.

18. Inadequate Information on Storage Tanks- The application states that the storage tanks will meet the qualities for the “purpose built.” There is no identification as to the number of storage tanks, which will be critical in light of the above comment, nor is there information on the rate/frequency for emptying the tanks. These are all inadequate.
19. No Testing Plan for Flowback Water- This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.

20. Use of Earthen Containment Berms- The plan states that the flowback storage tanks will be “enclosed by earthen containment berms which will be of sufficient size to contain all of the possible flow back fluid temporary storage volume.” No information is provided regarding the engineering properties or layout of these earthen berms. Earthen berms are inadequate for site containment. And, as identified in previous comments, if the flowback calculation is closer to Ohio DNR’s numbers, the storage proposed will be completely inadequate.

Wellsite Safety Plan- Document 11

21. No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale”- Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety Plan addresses Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (“NORM”). This section limits the drill cuttings to be tested for radioactivity to “black shale.” Although this phrase is used in the regulations, it is not defined there or in the Safety Plan, nor at any other point in the Application. Accordingly, what is considered the “black shale” subject to this testing requirement is unspecified. The Plan should therefore be amended to identify the specific geologic formations that the Applicant considers to be “black shale,” in the vicinity of its proposed well, including the formation depth, so the extent of sampling will be clear.

22. Safety Considerations of the General Public- There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.

Containment Plan- Document 12

23. The Containment Plan is completely inadequate. It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments on the inadequacy of the “earthen containment berms and the lack of specificity in the number of containment tanks especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.

Casing and Cementing Plan- Document 13

24. Missing Information in the Casing and Cementing Plan- The casing and cementing plan does not address the requirements labeled in Document 13 regarding the potential for earthquakes. The application is therefore incomplete and must either be amended by the applicant or denied by IDNR. Furthermore, the casing and cementing plan is completely inadequate to meet Illinois’ regulations. It does not include the detail required by the HFRA and cannot be approved without this critical information.

Traffic Management Plan- Document 14

25. Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River- The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.
26. **The Certificate of insurance is insufficient** to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

**Failure to Specify Earthquake or Floodplain Hazard**

27. **Specification of Earthquake area or floodplain missing or inadequate**- The Department’s form requires the applicant to identify whether the insured wellsite location is in a define earthquake area or a regulatory floodplain. The Application meets neither requirement.

**Topsoil Preservation Plan- Document 19**

28. **Topsoil Plan Inadequate**- The Department’s form requires that the Topsoil Preservation Plan must be provided with “detail.” (“Please detail the plan to stockpile, stabilize . . . any topsoil and subsoil . . .”). No information is provided as to the amount of soil (top or sub) that will be stockpiled. The level of negligible detail that is provided, seems more like an effort to expend the least possible effort and expense in handling the soil by just spreading it around the site. Accordingly, it does not appear to be a “preservation” plan at all given this lack of detail.

**Water Quality Monitoring Plan**

29. **Inadequate Water Quality Monitoring Plan**- The HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring is over six pages in length and is specific as to what is required in an approvable plan. The applicant plan is completely inadequate in addressing everything required for in the HFRA. For example, the applicant’s monitoring plan does not identify a single specific sampling point. Similarly the groundwater section is also generic. This is unacceptable and the application should be denied on this basis.

30. **Data Analysis Procedure Plan Inadequate**- The laboratory tests require an interpretation of the test results and for that purpose, the Applicant concludes its Water Quality Monitoring Plan with a section titled “Data Analysis Procedures.” The Section is completely generic and does not actually provide such analytic procedures, thus rendering the Application incomplete. Instead of supplying an actual data analysis plan, the Applicant merely states that “the method to be used under this plan is based on (emphasis added) U.S. EPA methodology established for the assessment of contaminants in environmental samples, and is described in Chapter 9 of U.S. EPA publication 846. We plan to use a data analysis plan based on that methodology.” Accordingly, no plan is proposed that can be evaluated during the public comment period and the Application is incomplete. There is no valid reason why such a plan cannot be presented for comment now. Without it, the application must be denied.

31. **Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan is not “independent”**- The "Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan" calls for an "independent third party" to collect and sample water to establish baseline measurements of water quality and quantity. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan also tasks an "independent third party" to collect and sample water for years into the future. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan application states Shawnee Professional Services will collect water samples to establish baseline measurements. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan application also states...
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Radioactive Materials Management- Document 25

32. Lack of Clarification on “Black Shale” subject to sampling- As stated in the previous comments under Document 11, the Wellsite Safety Plan, the phrase “black shale” is not defined in the regulations and the extent of sampling thereof is uncertain. Please confirm what geologic formations you consider to be in the “black shale” that will be tested pursuant to this requirement.

33. Need to Clarify If Filters Will Be Used and Tested for Radioactivity.- One of the most serious sources for radioactive contamination is from filters used at hydraulic fracturing sites and disposal sites. No mention is made of filters in the Application or of the specific type of equipment to be used on-site. The Applicant must state whether any filters will be utilized on-site and if so, how they will be managed.

Bond- Document 27

34. Insufficient bond- The bond amount identified in the application is in the amount of $50,000 which is the amount for a single well, not a blanket bond. In the approximate center of the bond is a box captioned with: “ONLY COMPLETE IF BOND IS FOR INDIVIDUAL WELL OR PERMIT.” The information to be entered in this box for an individual well gives locational and identifying information for the well covered, but the Applicant fails to provide any of that information. The Applicant must either provide a new Bond with this information or provide an explanation for why the Bond is incomplete and does not identify the well addressed in the Application.

Section 09 Water Source Management Plan

(f) Identify the methods to be used to minimize impact to aquatic life.

Comment: Woolsey reports that they anticipate injecting 7.5 million gallons of Frac fluid in part (d) of this section. But their onsite capacity for flowback is identified as 126,000 gallons. How can 7.5 million gallons come back as 126,000? Woolsey has no back up plan if this storage capacity proves too small.
(g) Identify the methods to be used to minimize withdrawals as much as feasible.

Comment: Woolsey states that it is “not in the interest of the applicant to overuse water in the HVHHF process” but it nowhere in their comments do they explain the methods it will use to minimize withdrawals. One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

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Section 11 Well Site Safety Plan

The Schematic of Well Pad & HVHHF Flow Back Operations in Figure 2.1 shows 3 flow back fluid storage tanks. By contrast, the Water Source Management Plan lists 6 flow back fluid storage tanks, each with a 21,000 gallon capacity. If the schematic correct, on site storage for flow back fluid is reduced to 63,000 gallons.

- Comments and Questions:
  o Which is correct?
  o Regardless of which is correct, see the comment made in section 9(f). When Woolsey anticipates 7.5 million gallons of frac fluid, have they demonstrated that their proposed flowback storage is adequate?
  o Figure 2-4: Site Waterways Setback on Page 14 states it is 3700' to the nearest perennial stream. The original Well Site Setback plan illustrates at least 5 "non-perennial streams". Who designates these streams as "non-perennial" and what precautions is Woolsey proposing to ensure safety regarding these streams?

Page 117 of the 164 page Well Site Safety Plan has a table listing examples of "Permissible Heat Exposure TLV" (Threshold Limit Values).

- Comment/Question: Will adequate personnel be on duty at all appropriate times to accommodate this schedule?

Concerning Attachment E: Fugitive Dust Control Plan:

Comments/Questions:

- Note: There are multiple mentions of "observed", "substantial fugitive dust". Is there a definition of "substantial fugitive dust"?
- Section 2.7 "Dust Control On Paved Roads" – What provisions have been made to ensure the “Wheel Wash” they describe will be installed and monitored at the location named?

Section 2.10 “Control of Other Air Emissions”: Under the heading “Appropriate emission”, it states that "Low-Sulfur Diesel will be used when possible."
Comment/Question:

- Who and what determines when it is possible? IDNR should require they burn Low - Sulfur Diesel at all times. Availability is not an issue.

Section 12: The Containment Plan

Page 2 of this section states: “During flow back operations the tanks located within the area of the wellsite will also be surrounded by a dike capable of holding 150% of the total volume of the single largest container or tank within a common secondary containment area. The secondary containment will be inspected as required by 245.820.”

Comment:

- The potential volume of flow back fluid should be the determinate of dyke size, not the volume of any single container on site to temporarily hold flow back fluids.

Section 12: Casing & Cementing Plan

Page 2 of this section states: “Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present.”

Comments/Questions

- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
- How will this be documented?

The Woolsey addendum goes on to state: “Pursuant to 245.550, prior to drilling out the casing shoe, a Blow Out Preventer (BOP) shall be installed on the well by certified personal” (sic). “Prior to testing the BOP, IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present when the tests are performed.

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**Section 16: Public Notice**

Page 1 of this section states: “If necessary, a public hearing is scheduled for the 02 day of August, 2017….”

**Comments/Questions:**

- Who determines if it is “necessary”?
- Who will be allowed to testify? What type of testimony will be allowed?
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Directional Drilling Plan- Document 3
1. Directional Drilling Plan- The drilling lengths and depths submitted in the Plan do not match the depth in the scaled cross-section. There is also a discrepancy in angle of the non-vertical portion of the wellbore. If Woolsey cannot provide accurate information in their application, how can we trust them to drill in our state?

Underground Freshwater Information- Document 4
2. Inadequate Determination of Underground Freshwater - No Geological Survey Data submitted- Section 245.210(a)(5) requires reference to the Illinois State Geological Survey with regard to its proposed drilling. This is critical to insure that freshwater will not be contaminated. Woolsey has failed to provide this information.
3. Inadequate Evidence to Establish the Lowest Potential Fresh Water - Again, Woolsey has failed to provide this information. As such a clear potential exists that fresh water could exist below the drilling depth in a lower formation.

HVHHF Operations Plan - Document 5
4. Failure to Clearly Identify Formation to be Stimulated - The permit fails to clearly identify the formation that will be stimulated or fracked by the operation other than to state that the “drilling objective” is the New Albany Shale but later refers to the “objective” being the “Grassy Creek” shale and, later still, describes the “reservoir zone”, and the Semier Shale as the “frac barrier.” These terms are not synonymous and therefore both confusing and inadequate.
5. Failure to Clearly Identify the Confining Zone - Section 245.210(a)(6) requires the Applicant to specifically identify and describe the formation or formations that constitute the “confining zone” for the proposed well. The application fails to meet this requirement. In fact, it fails to use this term at all in its application.

6. Missing Data - There is no information, data, or calculations supplied on either a micro-seismic study or the “historic” use to support whether the identification of the “frac barriers” is technically sound. The application contains no information on which a reliable conclusion can be reliably drawn regarding a confining zone or “frac barrier” and the Application is therefore inadequate and must be denied.

7. Confusing Data- The Role of the Selmer Shale is listed as both a “drilling objective” and a “frac barrier” (confining zone?) in the application. It cannot serve two purposes. It is either a drilling objective or a confining zone.

8. Inadequate Information- Fracturing Pressure- The fracturing pressure of the “producing zone” is given as 2,875 psi. Yet three separate formations are mentioned as “drilling objectives.” The same psi for all three would not be used.

9. Missing Data- Surface Training Pressure Range- This information is entirely missing.

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11. Missing Data-No information on extent, water or water source, is provided for any formation and no thickness information is provided for the three formations constituting the New Albany Shale.

12. Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHWF wells is a major public health and safety concern and is therefore a specific requirement for analysis in Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). However, no specific information or reliable analysis on this important feature is provided in the Document. No information on the scope, lateral extent, depth or sophistication of this survey is provided.

Chemical Disclosure Report- Document 7

13. Chemical Disclosure Plan The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on “Composition/Information on Ingredients” lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:

1) Oxyalkylated alkylphenol (10-20% of total mixture),
2) Fatty acids (5-10% of total mixture),
3) Complex alkylaryl polyo-ester (5-10% of total mixture) and 4) Acetylenic alcohol (1-5% of total mixture).

All four of these constituent chemicals have their Chemical Abstract Service Number concealed on the Safety Data Sheet for the stated reason of “Trade Secret.”

Water Source Management Plan- Document 9

14. Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal
wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will employ to minimize groundwater withdrawals and, even worse, fails to indicate that the applicant undertook any effort at all to consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations.

This is a special concern in this Application where the Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit over-consumption. Further supporting this concern is the fact that the Applicant’s proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This quantity is a full 50% greater than what the Department itself considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of from “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”

No justification is given by the Applicant for this exceptionally large water use or why it should not be deemed wasteful in violation of Illinois’ reasonable use doctrine for groundwater withdrawals. Such exceptionally large water consumption is particularly significant in White County, as this water will be removed from three (3) groundwater wells located in fairly shallow sand and gravel aquifers that can be rapidly depleted. Illinois has already had two significant droughts in the last 10 years. The Woolsey application indicates it plans on withdrawing the bulk of its water in the summer months when drought conditions and aquifer depletion are at their highest.

The Applicant’s failure to address its minimization duty is further compounded by its apparent failure to consider use of recycled water for its operation. Its only consideration of recycled water use is a single sentence in its Water Source Management Plan that “Backflow will not commence until injection in all frac stages has been completed, thus there will be no opportunity for use of recycled water in the hydraulic fracture completion.”

Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.

The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

15. Will there be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site- The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will involve three water wells to supply 7,500,000 gallons of water for the base fluid of the
hydraulic fracturing operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7:

The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHHF water supply wells) and a surface water body (a stock pond). A fourth potentially required water supply well may be drilled, and, if completed, will be included in this monitoring program. (emphasis added)

Apparently, Woolsey does not intend to be bound by its Water Source Management Plan and reserves discretion to modify it for its own undisclosed purposes in a manner that might increase its already high levels of water consumption. However, the clear intent of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is to make these plans binding. Accordingly, the Department should require that the reference highlighted above to a possible fourth well be deleted from the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and the Applicant expressly limited to the three wells proposed in the Water Source Management Plan, provided a valid consideration of minimization methods and alternatives does not reduce that number even further (see previous comment).

Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10

16. Inadequate information on Fracturing Fluids- The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of information and either completely neglects or is patently vague on numerous items of required information. Equally unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required by paragraph (b) of the Department’s form regarding fracturing fluid is provided as the only information stated in the Applicant’s plan is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information on “injection schedule, flow rate, reuse volume, storage, any treatment and total volume in detail.”

17. Unrealistic Rate of Flowback Recovery Proposed- The application states an anticipated 4-5,000 barrels of flowback will be recovered but fails to give information on how this number was calculated. The number proposed in the application is 2.8% of the total estimated to be utilized. This is substantially less (5.4 to 7.1 times less) than the average amount of flowback highlighted by the Ohio DNR for fracking, which is 15-20% of the total volume used. If the Ohio numbers are correct, Woolsey will have dramatically underestimated it’s needs for storage capacity and transport. Woolsey must be required to quantify how it arrived at its numbers or be denied a permit on this basis.

18. Inadequate Information on Storage Tanks- The application states that the storage tanks will meet the qualities for the “purpose built.” There is no identification as to the number of storage tanks, which will be critical in light of the above comment, nor is there information on the rate/frequency for emptying the tanks. These are all inadequate.

19. No Testing Plan for Flowback Water- This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.

20. Use of Earthen Containment Berms- The plan states that the flowback storage tanks will be “enclosed by earthen containment berms which will be of sufficient size to contain all of the possible flow back fluid temporary storage volume.” No information is provided regarding the engineering properties or layout of these earthen berms. Earthen berms are inadequate for site containment. And, s identified in previous comments, if the flowback calculation is closer to Ohio DNR’s numbers, the storage proposed will be completely inadequate.

Wellsite Safety Plan- Document 11

21. No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale”- Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety
Plan addresses Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (“NORM”). This section limits the drill cuttings to be tested for radioactivity to “black shale.” Although this phrase is used in the regulations, it is not defined there or in the Safety Plan, nor at any other point in the

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22. Safety Considerations of the General Public- There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.

Containment Plan- Document 12
23. The Containment Plan is completely inadequate. It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments on the inadequacy of the “earthen containment berms and the lack of specificity in the number of containment tanks especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.

Casing and Cementing Plan- Document 13
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Traffic Management Plan- Document 14
25. Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River- The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.

Proof of Insurance- Document 18
26. The Certificate of insurance is insufficient to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

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27. Specification of Earthquake area or floodplain missing or inadequate- The Department’s form requires the applicant to identify whether the insured wellsite location is in a define earthquake area or a regulatory floodplain. The Application meets neither requirement.

Topsoil Preservation Plan- Document 19
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Water Quality Monitoring Plan
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Radioactive Materials Management- Document 25

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Bond- Document 27
34. Insufficient bond- The bond amount identified in the application is in the amount of $50,000

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Sincerely,

Dale Janssen

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Jun 21, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Sincerely,

Dr. Iwona Jasiuk
Jun 20, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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Sincerely,

Mr. Eric Jason
My name is Linda Jennings and I am a retired Registered Nurses, having worked as a RN for over 30 years. I am submitting my comments on the above referenced application for fracturing permit from Woolsey. I am specifically commenting on the Chemical Disclosure Report-Document 7. The document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on “composition/Information on Ingredients” lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:

- Ocyalkylated alkylphenol (10-20% of total mixture)
- Fatty acids (5-10% of total mixture)
- Complex alkylaryl polyo-ester (5-10% of total mixture)
- Acetylineic alcohol (1-5% of total mixture)

All four of these constituent chemicals have their Chemical Abstract Service Number concealed on the Safety Data Sheet for the stated reason of “Trade Secret.”

As stated above, I am a Registered Nurse and as such I am compelled to comment on the Application to fracture by Woolsey, HVHHF #000001. I am most particularly concerned with the idea that “trade secret” chemicals are being hidden on the application by this company. If healthcare providers are unaware of the contents of these “trade secret” chemicals, how are we expected to provide care for workers or protect ourselves in case of exposure?

In nursing practice we are constantly updated about the latest in best practices and what will best protect our patients and the communities we serve. How are we, then expected to do this when our lives could be in danger from exposure from treating an exposed worker or injured worker to chemicals that are kept secret.

Given the unknown risks if the content of those chemicals are “trade secrets” and healthcare providers are unable to access their properties, then I demand that the supplemental application for HVHHF #000001 is denied.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Jennings
June 26, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Attention: Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff
1 Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702

Dear Sir or Madame:

This email is in regard to Review Number (HVHHF-000001), the fracking permit request made by Woolsey Operating Company, Wichita, Kansas. I urge you to deny this fracking permit.

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 grand children. 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.

Added to the harmful effects of fracking is that this permit would allow fracking in the Wabash Seismic zone, a known active fault area. Dr. Douglas Wiens, professor of earth and planetary sciences in Arts & Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis has stated in a 2008 article, “I think everyone’s interested in the Wabash Valley Fault because a lot of the attention has been on the New Madrid Fault, but the Wabash Valley Fault could be the more dangerous one, at least for St. Louis and Illinois,” said Wiens. “The strongest earthquakes in the last few years have come from the Wabash Valley Fault, which needs more investigation.” His concerns and those of other scientists provide evidence that allowing a permit in the area of the active Wabash Seismic zone is a recipe for disaster. Scientists studying the incidence of earthquakes in the areas of fracking activity in Oklahoma have confirmed that fracking activity and wastewater disposal, injecting the wastewater back into the ground, does cause earthquakes. Nothing is worth destabilizing an already active seismic zone.

Knowing the area in the permit request is above the very active Wabash seismic zone, has appropriate seismic monitoring to establish current seismicity in the area of interest been carried out? Has there been application of suitable ground motion prediction models to assess the potential impact of any induced earthquakes? How can you ensure well integrity when the oil industry itself still admits they cannot guarantee it?

Where are the millions of gallons of water required for fracking going to come from and what will be the impact on local water sources? How can anyone know what the long-term environmental impact will be? Half of this fluid will never reemerge from the well and therefore will remain in the environment. How can you regulate for this? And how will you monitor the disposal of the fracking water that comes back to the surface? Will the already burden Illinois taxpayers end up footing the bill for environmental clean ups?
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,

Kathryn Jenkel
Jun 26, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Please don't do this. Illinois citizens deserve better.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Eve Jennings
Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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With kind regards

A concerned member of the public

Rasmus Jensen
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Both Ohio and Oklahoma have experienced HUGE increases in earthquake activity after going on fracking frenzies. We don't need that in Illinois, especially in light of having the New Madrid fault to contend with already. Fracking could possibly aggravate that.

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Maynard Jerome
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Mrs. Vicki Jevne
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Sincerely,

Vicki Jevne

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to submit a public comment on the permit request to allow fracking in Illinois (review number HVHHF-000001).

Please do not allow fracking in our beautiful state. There is evidence that fracking contributes to both toxic air and water pollution in nearby communities. The methane leakage produced by fracking is a significant contributor to climate change.

Please protect our air, our drinking water, our climate, and our planet. Don't bring fracking to Illinois. No amount of money or energy resources could be worth the potential harm.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Elena Jimenez
Jul 28, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

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COMMENTS on HVHHF #000001: Supplemental Application Information

Section 16: Public Notice
Page 1 of this section states: "If necessary, a public hearing is scheduled for the 02 day of August, 2017...."

Comments/Questions:
• Who determines if it is "necessary"?

• Who will be allowed to testify? What type of testimony will be allowed?

• Are there parameters in place for such a hearing? If yes, What are they?

Section 09: Water Source Management Plan
(f) Identify the methods to be used to minimize impact to aquatic life.

Comment:
Woolsey inadequately reports their plans and even intentions to monitor the volume of flowback water following injection to ensure that fugitive effluent is accounted for. Woolsey also inadequately represents the basis of their assumptions for necessary volume of flowback water storage.

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Comment:
The threshold of feasibility is not defined, making it impossible for IDNR to determine whether methods for water withdrawal minimization were adequate or even considered by the applicant.

The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This usage directly competes with and over 275,000 acres of private, agricultural operations and animal operations bringing over $9 million in revenue to the county.

No justification is given by the Applicant for the extreme volume of water proposed for use or why it should not be deemed wasteful in violation of Illinois' reasonable use doctrine for groundwater withdrawals.
Failure to address the extreme volume of water necessary for operations and to specify what minimization methods were used to determine the feasibility of sustained water usage against vulnerable users in the region presents a failure of the Water Source Management Plans.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Gabriel Jimenez-Ekman
Jun 19, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Mr. Gabriel Jimenez-Ekman
From: Jamie Johannsen
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 5:14 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding Review #: HVHHF-000001

DNR Public Comment,

IDNR Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff,

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Jamie Johannsen
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Sincerely,

Amy Johnson

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Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Denying Wolsey Operating Company LLC a permit to pollute our air, water and soil is the only sane answer to protect Illinoisans from harm due to fracking. Deny, deny and deny!

Do not sacrifice the health of Illinoisans and our natural resources for a toxic industry. Please deny the Woolsey Operating Company fracked well permit.

Sincerely,

Mr. Calvin Johnson
I opposed the frack permit
Dear DNR Staff,

My name is Claire Johnson and I live at [redacted]. I strongly oppose hydraulic fracturing in any form in Illinois and ask that you deny the application from the Woolsey Operating Company (HVHHF-27/28).

Fracking threatens water and soil quality, causes earthquakes where there were none before, and is associated with unsafe working conditions and a higher rate of work related deaths. It is not the solution to the budget crisis and at best will only create a cycle of boom and bust. As scientists and policy makers I hope you fully consider the negative and lasting impacts of fracking in Illinois.

Thank you for your time,
Claire Johnson
Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

Please do not approve the fracking permit to the Woolsey Operating Company, LLC. We do not need more water pollution in Illinois.

Sincerely,

Curt Johnson

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Sincerely,

Cynthia Johnson
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Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Debbie Johnson
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Heather Johnson
In regards to the Woolsey Operating Company LLC application to the permit to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to drill our state’s first High Volume Horizontal Hydraulic Fracking well. Woolsey Energy owned and operated a frack well that exploded in 2014 and a lawsuit from the injured party is still in process.

The wells endanger the safety of Illinois communities. Fracking has been documented to contribute to water contamination, air pollution, and EARTHQUAKES (see Oklahoma) all which leads to long term health issues. We should be moving towards more clean energy, not fossil fuel production and consumption. Do not let Illinois fall victim to this and turn Illinois into a wasteland filled with toxicity and earthquakes. STOP THIS NOW.

Thank you
Kathy Johnson
Jun 25, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

I just saw a news item about fracking in OK and how they are experiencing 200 earthquakes per year, compared to virtually none before fracking began in 2005. The world is concerned about potable drinking water right now. Fracking uses thousands and thousands of gallons of water that has been ruined for drinking afterwards. Illinois is on the fault line for earthquakes. With my limited knowledge about fracking and earthquakes at least there are three reasons that I'm certain of and I have mentioned which convince me fracking is not a good thing for Illinois. Therefore, I urge you to protect Illinois' natural resources and our public health and safety by denying Woolsey Operating Company LLC's well permit application (HVHHF Review #: 000001).

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Louise Johnson
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Sincerely,

Ms. Penny Johnson
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Jun 19, 2017

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Steve Johnston

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I oppose fracking in IL and so HVHHF-000001. Do not approve fracking in IL as it will increase our risk of earthquakes, contaminate our water supply and worsen our air quality.

Thank you.
Heather Johnstone

Sent from my iPhone
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Jun 17, 2017

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Mrs. Nicole Joice
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Jun 24, 2017

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Miss Celia Jones
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Sincerely,

Celia Jones

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Dear IDNR Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff:

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After reading the comments about this request I can see that the Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There are many generalities and deficiencies in their application and supplemental information. Too many to mention here, but a few of them will hopefully suffice to show this company should not be allowed anywhere near our state of Illinois.

1) Their overuse of water, by twice the amount usual for these operations. They provide no method to be used to minimize water withdrawals. This in a state that has had two severe and longlasting droughts in the last ten years. This is also a violation of Illinois’ reasonable use doctrine.

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There are 12 pages of information like the above to describe missing data, confusing data, inadequate information, and no information on important issues. These 12 pages describe why Woolsey’s permit application is totally unacceptable and a permit must be denied.

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I am concerned about Woolsey’s capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete application to engage in high volume horizontal fracking.

Woolsey should not be given a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois – Southern Illinoisans’ water supplies, health, safety and livelihoods are at risk.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Jones
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Oil & Gas Regulatory Staff,

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From: Nancy Jones
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 12:16 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] HVHHF #000001

I am writing on behalf of ONE Northside and Fair Economy Illinois regarding the The Woolsey application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit.

The Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There were overarching generalities and deficiencies in the application, not to mention problems where information was actually provided.

We continue to have a concern regarding Woolsey’s capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete initial application to engage in high volume horizontal fracturing. They were essentially given an “open book” test with the passage of the HFRA and have demonstrated they still can’t pass that test without extensive help on the part of the Department, the environmental community and the public through written comments. We believe they have demonstrated that they lack both the capacity and willingness to comply with the law. As such, **we assert that they should not be granted a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois**.

Sincerely,
Nancy Jones
ONE Northside/Fair Economy Illinois

**COMMENTS**

Specific comments included below reference the documents contained in the Woolsey Permit Application HVHHF-000001 and are in relation to the regulations outlined in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act, 225 ILCS 732, unless otherwise indicated.

**COMMENTS**

**Directional Drilling Plan- Document 3**

1. **Directional Drilling Plan** - The drilling lengths and depths submitted in the Plan do not match the depth in the scaled cross-section. There is also a discrepancy in angle of the non-vertical portion of the wellbore. If Woolsey cannot provide accurate information in their application, how can we trust them to drill in our state?

**Underground Freshwater Information- Document 4**

2. **Inadequate Determination of Underground Freshwater - No Geological Survey Data submitted** - Section 245.210(a)(5) requires reference to the Illinois State Geological Survey with regard to its proposed drilling. This is critical to insure that freshwater will not be contaminated. Woolsey has failed to provide this information.

3. **Inadequate Evidence to Establish the Lowest Potential Fresh Water** - Again, Woolsey has failed to provide this information. As such a clear potential exists that fresh water could exist below the drilling depth in a lower formation.

**HVHHF Operations Plan - Document 5**

4. **Failure to Clearly Identify Formation to be Stimulated** - The permit fails to clearly identify the formation that will be stimulated or fracked by the operation other than to state that the “drilling objective” is the New Albany Shale
but later refers to the “objective” being the “Grassy Creek” shale and, later still, describes the “reservoir zone”, and the Semier Shale as the “frac barrier.” These terms are not synonymous and therefore both confusing and inadequate.

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6. **Missing Data** - There is no information, data, or calculations supplied on either a micro-seismic study or the “historic” use to support whether the identification of the “frac barriers” is technically sound. The application contains no information on which a reliable conclusion can be reliably drawn regarding a confining zone or “frac barrier” and the Application is therefore inadequate and must be denied.

7. **Confusing Data** - The Role of the Semier Shale is listed as both a “drilling objective” and a “frac barrier” (confining zone?) in the application. It cannot serve two purposes. It is either a drilling objective or a confining zone.

8. **Inadequate Information** - Fracturing Pressure - The fracturing pressure of the “producing zone” is given as 2,875 psi. Yet three separate formations are mentioned as “drilling objectives.” The same psi for all three would not be used.

9. **Missing Data** - Surface Training Pressure Range - This information is entirely missing.

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11. **Missing Data** - No information on extent, water or water source, is provided for any formation and no thickness information is provided for the three formations constituting the New Albany Shale.

12. **Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking** - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHHF wells is a major public health and safety concern and is therefore a specific requirement for analysis in Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). However, no specific information or reliable analysis on this important feature is provided in the Document. No information on the scope, lateral extent, depth or sophistication of this survey is provided.

**Chemical Disclosure Report - Document 7**

13. **Chemical Disclosure Plan** - The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on “Composition/Information on Ingredients” lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:

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   2) Fatty acids (5-10% of total mixture),
   3) Complex alkylaryl polyo-ester (5-10% of total mixture) and
   4) Acetylenic alcohol (1-5% of total mixture).

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**Water Source Management Plan - Document 9**

14. **Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals** - One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.
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The Applicant’s failure to address its minimization duty is further compounded by its apparent failure to consider use of recycled water for its operation. Its only consideration of recycled water use is a single sentence in its Water Source Management Plan that “Backflow will not commence until injection in all frac stages has been completed, thus there will be no opportunity for use of recycled water in the hydraulic fracture completion.”

Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.

The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

15. Will there be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site- The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will involve three water wells to supply 7,500,000 gallons of water for the base fluid of the hydraulic fracturing operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7:
The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHBF water supply wells) and a surface water body (a stock pond). A fourth potentially required water supply well may be drilled, and, if completed, will be included in this monitoring program. (emphasis added)

Apparently, Woolsey does not intend to be bound by its Water Source Management Plan and reserves discretion to modify it for its own undisclosed purposes in a manner that might increase its already high levels of water consumption. However, the clear intent of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is to make these plans binding. Accordingly, the Department should require that the reference highlighted above to a possible fourth well be deleted from the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and the Applicant expressly limited to the three wells proposed in the Water Source Management Plan, provided a valid consideration of minimization methods and alternatives does not reduce that number even further (see previous comment).

Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10
16. Inadequate information on Fracturing Fluids- The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of information and either completely neglects or is patently vague on numerous items of required information. Equally unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required by paragraph (b) of the Department’s form regarding fracturing fluid is provided as the only information stated in the Applicant’s plan is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information on “injection schedule, flow rate, reuse volume, storage, any treatment and total volume in detail.”

17. Unrealistic Rate of Flowback Recovery Proposed- The application states an anticipated 4-5,000 barrels of flowback will be recovered but fails to give information on how this number was calculated. The number proposed in the application is 2.8% of the total estimated to be utilized. This is substantially less (5.4 to 7.1 times less) than the average amount of flowback highlighted by the Ohio DNR for fracking, which is 15-20% of the total volume used. If the Ohio numbers are correct, Woolsey will have dramatically underestimated it’s needs for storage capacity and transport. Woolsey must be required to quantify how it arrived at its numbers or be denied a permit on this basis.

18. Inadequate Information on Storage Tanks- The application states that the storage tanks will meet the qualities for the “purpose built.” There is no identification as to the number of storage tanks, which will be critical in light of the above comment, nor is there information on the rate/frequency for emptying the tanks. These are all inadequate.

19. No Testing Plan for Flowback Water- This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.

20. Use of Earthen Containment Berms- The plan states that the flowback storage tanks will be “enclosed by earthen containment berms which will be of sufficient size to contain all of the possible flow back fluid temporary storage volume.” No information is provided regarding the engineering properties or layout of these earthen berms. Earthen berms are inadequate for site containment. And, s identified in previous comments, if the flowback calculation is closer to Ohio DNR’s numbers, the storage proposed will be completely inadequate.

Wellsite Safety Plan- Document 11
21. No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale”- Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety Plan addresses Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (“NORM”). This section limits the drill cuttings to be tested for radioactivity to “black shale.” Although this phrase is used in the regulations, it is not defined there or in the Safety Plan, nor at any other point in the Application. Accordingly, what is considered the “black shale” subject to this testing requirement is unspecified. The Plan should therefore be amended to identify the specific geologic formations that the Applicant considers to be “black shale,” in the vicinity of its proposed well, including the formation depth, so the extent of sampling will be clear.

22. Safety Considerations of the General Public- There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.

Containment Plan- Document 12
23. The Containment Plan is completely inadequate. It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments on the inadequacy of the “earthen containment berms and the lack of specificity in the number of containment tanks especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.
Casing and Cementing Plan- Document 13
24. **Missing Information in the Casing and Cementing Plan** - The casing and cementing plan does not address the requirements labeled in Document 13 regarding the potential for earthquakes. The application is therefore incomplete and must either be amended by the applicant or denied by IDNR. Furthermore, the casing and cementing plan is completely inadequate to meet Illinois’ regulations. It does not include the detail required by the HFRA and cannot be approved without this critical information.

Traffic Management Plan- Document 14
25. **Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River** - The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.

Proof of Insurance- Document 18
26. **The Certificate of insurance is insufficient** to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

Failure to Specify Earthquake or Floodplain Hazard
27. **Specification of Earthquake area or floodplain missing or inadequate** - The Department’s form requires the applicant to identify whether the insured wellsite location is in a define earthquake area or a regulatory floodplain. The Application meets neither requirement.

Topsoil Preservation Plan- Document 19
28. **Topsoil Plan Inadequate** - The Department’s form requires that the Topsoil Preservation Plan must be provided with “detail.” (“Please detail the plan to stockpile, stabilize . . . any topsoil and subsoil ...”). No information is provided as to the amount of soil (top or sub) that will be stockpiled. The level of negligible detail that IS provided, seems more like an effort to expend the least possible effort and expense in handling the soil by just spreading it around the site. Accordingly, it does not appear to be a “preservation” plan at all given this lack of detail.

Water Quality Monitoring Plan
29. **Inadequate Water Quality Monitoring Plan** - The HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring is over six pages in length and is specific as to what is required in an approvable plan. The applicant plan is completely inadequate in addressing everything required for in the HFRA. For example, the applicant’s monitoring plan does not identify a single specific sampling point. Similarly the groundwater section is also generic. This is unacceptable and the application should be denied on this basis.

30. **Data Analysis Procedure Plan Inadequate** - The laboratory tests require an interpretation of the test results and for that purpose, the Applicant concludes its Water Quality Monitoring Plan with a section titled “Data Analysis Procedures.” The Section is completely generic and does not actually provide such analytic procedures, thus rendering the Application incomplete. Instead of supplying an actual data analysis plan, the Applicant merely states that “the method to be used under this plan is based on (emphasis added) U.S. EPA methodology established for the assessment of contaminants in environmental samples, and is described in Chapter 9 of U.S. EPA publication 846. We plan to use a data analysis plan based on that methodology.” Accordingly, no plan is proposed that can be evaluated during the public comment period and the Application is incomplete. There is no valid reason why such a plan cannot be presented for comment now. Without it, the application must be denied.

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of Rights" in the spring of 2014. The pro fracking group felt so threatened by the non - binding "A Community Bill of Rights" resolution that one of its first acts was to "convince" The Vienna Times newspaper, three weeks prior to the vote, to refuse all anti fracking advertisement, articles and letters to the editor. To leave the ultimate "public interest" in the hands of a company owned by Mitch Garret is to not understand the meaning of independent third party.

Radioactive Materials Management- Document 25
32. Lack of Clarification on “Black Shale” subject to sampling- As stated in the previous comments under Document 11, the Wellsite Safety Plan, the phrase “black shale” is not defined in the regulations and the extent of sampling thereof is uncertain. Please confirm what geologic formations you consider to be in the “black shale” that will be tested pursuant to this requirement.
33. Need to Clarify If Filters Will Be Used and Tested for Radioactivity.- One of the most serious sources for radioactive contamination is from filters used at hydraulic fracturing sites and disposal sites. No mention is made of filters in the Application or of the specific type of equipment to be used on-site. The Applicant must state whether any filters will be utilized on-site and if so, how they will be managed.

Bond- Document 27
34. Insufficient bond- The bond amount identified in the application is in the amount of $50,000 which is the amount for a single well, not a blanket bond. In the approximate center of the bond is a box captioned with: “ONLY COMPLETE IF BOND IS FOR INDIVIDUAL WELL OR PERMIT.” The information to be entered in this box for an individual well gives locational and identifying information for the well covered, but the Applicant fails to provide any of that information. The Applicant must either provide a new Bond with this information or provide an explanation for why the Bond is incomplete and does not identify the well addressed in the Application.

Section 09 Water Source Management Plan

(f) Identify the methods to be used to minimize impact to aquatic life.

Comment: Woolsey reports that they anticipate injecting 7.5 million gallons of Frac fluid in part (d) of this section. But their onsite capacity for flowback is identified as 126,000 gallons. How can 7.5 million gallons come back as 126,000? Woolsey has no back up plan if this storage capacity proves too small.

(g) Identify the methods to be used to minimize withdrawals as much as feasible.

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Section 11 Well Site Safety Plan

The Schematic of Well Pad & HVHHF Flow Back Operations in Figure 2.1 shows 3 flow back fluid storage tanks. By contrast, the Water Source Management Plan lists 6 flow back fluid storage tanks, each with a 21,000 gallon capacity. If the schematic is correct, on site storage for flow back fluid is reduced to 63,000 gallons.

- **Comments and Questions:**
  - Which is correct?
  - Regardless of which is correct, see the comment made in section 9(f). When Woolsey anticipates 7.5 million gallons of frac fluid, have they demonstrated that their proposed flowback storage is adequate?
  - Figure 2-4: Site Waterways Setback on Page 14 states it is 3700’ to the nearest perennial stream. The original Well Site Setback plan illustrates at least 5 "non-perennial streams". Who designates these streams as "non-perennial" and what precautions is Woolsey proposing to ensure safety regarding these streams?

Page 117 of the 164 page Well Site Safety Plan has a table listing examples of "Permissible Heat Exposure TLV" (Threshold Limit Values).

- **Comment/Question:** Will adequate personnel be on duty at all appropriate times to accommodate this schedule?

Concerning Attachment E: Fugitive Dust Control Plan:

- **Comments/Questions:**
  - Note: There are multiple mentions of "observed", "substantial fugitive dust". Is there a definition of "substantial fugitive dust"?
  - Section 2.7 "Dust Control On Paved Roads" – What provisions have been made to ensure the “Wheel Wash” they describe will be installed and monitored at the location named?

Section 2.10 “Control of Other Air Emissions”: Under the heading “Appropriate emission”, it states that "Low-Sulfur Diesel will be used when possible."

- **Comment/Question:**
• Who and what determines when it is possible? IDNR should require they burn Low - Sulfur Diesel at all times. Availability is not an issue.

Section 12: The Containment Plan

Page 2 of this section states: “During flow back operations the tanks located within the area of the wellsite will also be surrounded by a dike capable of holding 150% of the total volume of the single largest container or tank within a common secondary containment area. The secondary containment will be inspected as required by 245.820.”

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Section 12: Casing & Cementing Plan

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• How will this be documented?

The Woolsey addendum goes on to state: “Pursuant to 245.550, prior to drilling out the casing shoe, a Blow Out Preventer (BOP) shall be installed on the well by certified personal” (sic). “Prior to testing the BOP, IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present when the tests are performed.

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Page 1 of this section states: “If necessary, a public hearing is scheduled for the 02 day of August, 2017....”

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Charlotte Jones
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Ban fracking in Illinois.

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Dr. Martina Jonsson
PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR IDNR REVIEW NUMBER HVHHF #000001

TO: Illinois Department Of Natural Resources  
Attention: Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff  
One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL 62702

The undersigned makes the following public comments concerning Woolsey Operating Company LLC’s application for a high-volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing permit in Illinois, including its supplemental documents. The application is more fully described as follows:

HVHHF #1, White County  
IDNR Review Number HVHHF #000001  
Applicant: Woolsey Operating Company, LLC, a Kansas limited liability corporation  
Location: Between Springerton and Enfield, about 1.3 miles west of US Route 45; the site is bounded by County Road 1825 N on the north, County Road 50E on the west, and County Road 1725 N to the south  
Information located online at: https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/OilandGas/Pages/PendingPermitApplications.aspx

My concerns are simple. I do not understand why you are going to allow this company to destroy our property values. Fracking has happened enough in enough areas for us to know, without doubt that it causes earthquakes. Well I checked my homeowners insurance. You have to specifically request earthquake insurance. How many residents have done so? Plus, after calling 5 insurance companies it is painfully clear that there is only complete loss earthquake insurance available with huge 10 to 20% deductible. Oklahoma showed us that the earthquakes will be big enough to break windows, break possessions, destroy foundations but not complete loss. So who pays for that? Not the fracking company and not the homeowners insurance. So who? and when property value drops who makes up for the loss in revenue to the state?

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Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Jordan
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Application review number HVHHF-000001.

Well to be known as Woodrow No. 1H-310408-193.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me using the information below if anyone has any questions.

Many thanks,

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State Governmental Affairs Manager
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Brown, Ronda

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Illinois to this point has been prudent and fortunate to have not joined in the fracking mania which has left states such as Pennsylvania, California, Oklahoma, etc., with environmental messes. We have been spared earthquakes, farm animal deaths, explosions, contaminated wells, and a host of other problems because of this. At a time when the world is turning to clean, renewable energy, the wisdom of investing in such a risky venture seems very unwise. Please protect our state from the disasters that are rampant in the fracking industry. What little short-term gain we may reap is heavily outweighed by the potential destruction of our ground water, now more valuable than oil, and our air. This process is dangerous to our citizens' health, as well, and could lead to increased health care costs. Economically and environmentally, it makes no sense.

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Ellen Karmin

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Sincerely,

Lorrayne Karmis

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Jun 18, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
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Jun 16, 2017

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Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

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Jun 16, 2017

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DNR Public Comment,

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Denise Kaufman

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I am submitting the following as a public comment in reference to Woolsey Operating Company, LLC's application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing permit, review number HVHHF-00000.

It came as a shock to me, that given the ongoing research into the relationship of fracking processes to increased occurrences of earthquakes, there appears to be an effort to push through the referenced application by Woolsey Operating Company, without adequate review, study and investigation by the scientific community. The public has had very little awareness of this request. With such a broad stretch of geography, geology, involved, it would seem important to me that much more study, and greater public review be brought to the application. Water supplies, the impact on food producing agricultural sites, must be considered, as should be the health and welfare of our citizenry - our families, communities, friends and neighbors.

Susan J. Kaufman, Ph.d.
Brown, Ronda

From: Douglas Kaufman-Dickson
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 2:42 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comments on Woolsey Application HVHHF-000001

The Woolsey application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit is the first application since the passage of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act on 6/17/13. As such, it is a critical test case in how the IDNR will address future permit applications and comments by the public.

I am writing to urge IDNR to deny the Woolsey HVHHF #000001 primarily because of my concerns about the potential harm to Illinois ground water from fracking operations in our state. In general, the Woolsey application is lacking in specificity which alone should cause IDNR to refuse the permit. More specifically, the excessive water withdrawals and lack of plans to minimize water use are of significant concern to me.

Specific Comment

1. **Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals** One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will employ to minimize groundwater withdrawals and, even worse, fails to indicate that the applicant undertook any effort at all to consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations.

This is a special concern in this Application where the Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit over-consumption. Further supporting this concern is the fact that the Applicant’s proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This quantity is a full 50% greater than what the Department itself considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of from “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”

No justification is given by the Applicant for this exceptionally large water use or why it should not be deemed wasteful in violation of Illinois’ reasonable use doctrine for groundwater withdrawals. Such exceptionally large water consumption is particularly significant in White County, as this water will be removed from three (3) groundwater wells located in fairly shallow sand and gravel aquifers that can be rapidly depleted. Illinois has already had two significant droughts in the last 10 years. The Woolsey application indicates it plans on withdrawing the bulk of its water in the summer months when drought conditions and aquifer depletion are at their highest.

The Applicant’s failure to address its minimization duty is further compounded by its apparent failure to consider use of recycled water for its operation. Its only consideration of recycled water use is a single sentence in its Water Source Management Plan that “Backflow will not commence until injection in all frac stages has been completed, thus there will be no opportunity for use of recycled water in the hydraulic fracture completion.”

Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.
The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

2. Inadequate Water Quality Monitoring Plan- The HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring is over six pages in length and is specific as to what is required in an approvable plan. The applicant plan is completely inadequate in addressing everything required for in the HFRA. For example, the applicant’s monitoring plan does not identify a single specific sampling point. Similarly the groundwater section is also generic. This is unacceptable and the application should be denied on this basis.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration.

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Douglas Kaufman-Dickson
Jun 23, 2017

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Mr. Sukhvir Kaur
From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Mohena Kaur <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 7:49 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Colin Kay <act@fwwatch.org>  
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 2:18 PM  
To: DNR.HFPublicComments  
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Davida Kaye

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sincerely,
joyce kaye
HVHHF 000001
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joyce kaye
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DNR Public Comment,

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Ms. Sherry Kelly
Brown, Ronda

From: Janet Kelsey
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 1:19 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] HVHHF-000001

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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Roberta Kessler <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 7:42 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 16, 2017

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Ms. Margaret Keylin
Brown, Ronda

From: Draughan, Bonnie on behalf of DNR.Wildlifereceptionist
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Reider, Debbie
Subject: FW: Contact DNR: Confirmation ID 282881 (Wildlife)

From: Illinois DNR [mailto:ilext.sp2010.farm@illinois.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 11:11 AM
To: DNR.Webmaster <DNR.Webmaster@Illinois.gov>
Cc: DNR.Wildlifereceptionist <DNR.Wildliferecep@Illinois.gov>; DNR.Webmaster <DNR.Webmaster@Illinois.gov>
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Please do not reply to this message, it will not be delivered.

Thank you for contacting Illinois DNR. Your message is being processed/routed.

If you requested a reply, you will be contacted shortly.

Contact DNR ID: 282881

Name: Ted Keylon

State of residence: Illinois

Affiliation:

Email:

Phone: [REDACTED]

Primary area of interest: Wildlife

Question/comment: Please stop fracking.

You chose: I do not need a reply

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Ms. Melanie Kuhn
To whom this may concern,

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A disk containing an electronic copy of the Comments and exhibits has been mailed to the Office of Oil and Gas Resources of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources via FedEx.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best regards,
Hye Sun Kim

HYE SUN KIM
Program Assistant

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL
20 N. WACKER DR., STE. 1600
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Think before printing.
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Martin Kimpston

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Dear IDNR Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff:

I am writing as a concerned citizen and member of 'We Can Lead Change Fox Valley' regarding Woolsey Operating Company’s application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit (HVHHF #000001).

After reading the comments about this request I can see that the Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There are many generalities and deficiencies in their application and supplemental information. Too many to mention here, but a few of them will hopefully suffice to show this company should not be allowed anywhere near our state of Illinois.

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There are 12 pages of information like the above to describe missing data, confusing data, inadequate information, and no information on important issues. These 12 pages describe why Woolsey’s permit application is totally unacceptable and a permit must be denied.

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I am concerned about Woolsey’s capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete application to engage in high volume horizontal fracking.

Woolsey should not be given a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois – Southern Illinoisans’ water supplies, health, safety and livelihoods are at risk.
Sincerely,

Leslie King

Leslie King, Ed.D. LCPC
Mr. Heidinger:

I have reviewed the e-mail forwarded by you from the hearing request e-mail box. I concur that this e-mail does not contain a hearing request. This e-mail is a comment that is more correctly directed to the Public Comments e-mail address. Please forward this e-mail accordingly.

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The email below was received by the Department’s HFHearingRequest email address.
With your permission, I would like to forward it (along with this email and your response) to the Public Comment email address for consideration as a Public Comment.

Thank you.

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From: Margaret King
Sent: Saturday, June 03, 2017 8:53 AM
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Subject: [External] HVHHF-000001

Deny fracking permit! Illinois has enough problems.

M.King

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. The earth is our mother, take care of her and she will continue to take care of us!

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Brown, Ronda

From: Eileen Klees [automail@knowwho.com] Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 4:43 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Eileen Klees

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2. Specific concerns about deficiencies where information IS provided,
3. Failure to address a mounting body of evidence in the scientific community on the risks and harms associated with fracking that has come to light since the passage of the Illinois Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act on 6/17/13. Specifically, the NY Compendium of Scientific, Medical and Media Findings, 4th edition, has 924 citations on the risks and harms of fracking, 692 of which have been published since the passage of the HFRA.

Comments:

Directional Drilling Plan- Document 3

1. **Directional Drilling Plan** - The drilling lengths and depths submitted in the Plan do not match the depth in the scaled cross-section. There is also a discrepancy in angle of the non-vertical portion of the wellbore. If Woolsey cannot provide accurate information in their application, how can we trust them to drill in our state?

Underground Freshwater Information- Document 4

2. **Inadequate Determination of Underground Freshwater - No Geological Survey Data submitted** - Section 245.210(a)(5) of HFRA requires reference to the Illinois State Geological Survey with regard to its proposed drilling. This is critical to insure that freshwater will not be contaminated. Woolsey has failed to provide this information.

HVHHF Operations Plan - Document 5

4. **Failure to Clearly Identify Formation to be Stimulated** - The permit fails to clearly identify the formation that will be stimulated or fracked. The “Grassy Creek” shale and, later still, describes the “reservoir zone”, and the Semier Shale as the “frac barrier.” These terms are not synonymous fact, it fails to use this term at all in its application.

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6. **Missing Data** - There is no information, data, or calculations supplied on either micro-seismic study or the “historic” use to support whether a conclusion can be reliably drawn regarding a confining zone or “frac barrier” and the Application is therefore inadequate and must be denied.

7. **Confusing Data** - The Role of the Selmier Shale is listed as both a “drilling objective” and a “frac barrier” (confining zone?) in the application.

8. **Inadequate Information** - Fracturing Pressure - The fracturing pressure of the “producing zone” is given as 2,875 psi. Yet three separate forms

9. **Missing Data** - Surface Training Pressure Range - This information is entirely missing.
10. **No information on the Vertical Propagation of Fractures** - One of the most important safety features established in the Hydraulic Fracturing formations contributing to that zone, are accurately determined and stated in the application, Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). The Document contains inadequate and effective. On this basis alone, the permit should be denied.

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12. **Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking** - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHHF wells is a major public health and safety issue. No reliable analysis on this important feature is provided in the Document. No information on the scope, lateral extent, depth or sophistication of these faults is provided.

**Chemical Disclosure Report - Document 7**

13. **Chemical Disclosure Plan** - The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed. AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals.

Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:

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4. Acetylenic alcohol (1-5% of total mixture).

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**Water Source Management Plan - Document 9**

14. **Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals** - One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Re-Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into the range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its use should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of reasonable use,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations.

This is a special concern in this Application where the Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and does not have the disincentive of paying for the value of the water. The Applicant’s proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes a water use rate that the Department itself considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of from “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”

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Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the...
15. **Will there be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site**- The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will not drill a fourth well in the current operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7: 

   The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHHF water supply wells) will be included in this monitoring program. (emphasis added) 

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**Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10**

16. **Inadequate information on Fracturing Fluids**- The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of data and is unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required under the plans is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information.

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**Containment Plan- Document 12**

23. **The Containment Plan is completely inadequate.** It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments, especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.

**Casing and Cementing Plan- Document 13**

24. **Missing Information in the Casing and Cementing Plan**- The casing and cementing plan does not address the requirements labeled in Document 10, nor is it complete. Furthermore, the casing and cementing plan is completely inadequate to meet Illinois’ regulations. It does not address the requirements labeled in Document 10.

**Traffic Management Plan- Document 14**

25. **Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River**- The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River.

**Proof of Insurance- Document 18**

26. **The Certificate of insurance is insufficient** to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

**Failure to Specify Earthquake or Floodplain Hazard**
27. **Specification of Earthquake area or floodplain missing or inadequate** - The Department’s form requires the applicant to identify whether this lack of detail.

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**Topsoil Preservation Plan - Document 19**

28. **Topsoil Plan Inadequate** - The Department’s form requires that the Topsoil Preservation Plan must be provided with “detail.” (“Please detail that will be stockpiled. The level of negligible detail that IS provided, seems more like an effort to expend the least possible effort and expend this lack of detail.

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**Water Quality Monitoring Plan**

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**Radioactive Materials Management - Document 25**

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**Bond - Document 27**

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The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will employ to minimize groundwater withdrawals and, even worse, fails to indicate that the applicant undertook any effort at all to consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations.

This is a special concern in this Application where the Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit over-consumption. Further supporting this concern is the fact that the Applicant’s proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This quantity is a full 50% greater than what the Department itself considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of from “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”

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Thank you for accepting my comment --

Rohn Koester
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COMMENTS on HVHHF #000001: Supplemental Application Information

General comments:

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Other Comments:

Woolsey inadequately reports their plans and even intentions to monitor the volume of flowback water following injection to ensure that fugitive effluent is accounted for. Woolsey also inadequately represents the basis of their assumptions for necessary volume of flowback water storage.

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Comment:
The threshold of feasibility is not defined, making it impossible for IDNR to determine whether methods for water withdrawal minimization were adequate or even considered by the applicant.

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Sincerely,

Zinta Konrad
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Thank you,

Elizabeth Kooba
Dear IDNR,

I am very concerned that a fracking permit is being considered by the IDNR in the area of the Starved Rock State Park. This park is one of the state’s most treasured areas for recreation, and contains great geologic formations for hiking and other recreational activities. It is accessible to many towns and cities in Illinois and surrounding states and provides an inexpensive vacation option for families.

It is the first place I vacationed with my young children and a place I have cherished, returned to and sent many friends to visit. It is a unique spot in Illinois!

The State of Illinois should try to attract another industry to bolster its tax base, rather than choosing an environmentally questionable alternative.

Thank you for your consideration,

Judy Koon
Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

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Dylan Kosson

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Jun 17, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Jun 16, 2017

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Ms. Darlene Kraemer
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To Whom It May Concern,

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Thank you,
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Sent from my iPhone
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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Amanda Kreiss, DACM <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 6:44 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 20, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Brown, Ronda
Jun 16, 2017

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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of m c kubiak <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 9:43 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 17, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
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Frack us now, and we shall frack you in 2018!

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Jason Kull
Brown, Ronda

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Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 9:12 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 16, 2017

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Jun 19, 2017

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Sincerely,

Ms. Betty Kurtz
Jun 23, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Ellen L

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To whom it may concern,

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Nathan La Porte
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Jun 16, 2017

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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Steven Lagacy <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 9:12 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 16, 2017

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Brown, Ronda

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Miss Carrie Landreth
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Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 7:41 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Jul 1, 2017

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Mrs. Lisa Langbein
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I'd like to comment on the application for a fracking permit for a site near Enfield, Illinois, submitted by Woolsey Operating Company of Kansas.

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A study about Ohio earthquakes found that "Over 109 small earthquakes (Mw 0.4–3.9) were detected during January 2011 to February 2012 in the Youngstown, Ohio area, where there were no known earthquakes in the past. These shocks were close to a deep fluid injection well." (emphasis added)

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In fact, Kansas and Oklahoma have shown a great increase in earthquakes since fracking began in that region, in spite of their seismic faults being actually much smaller than the New Madrid fault. An article in Science Magazine reports "Since 2013, 192 earthquakes bigger than magnitude 2 have hit
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I encourage the IDNR and the State of Illinois to do the responsible thing and keep Illinois free from fracking..

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Christine Lange
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Constance Lange

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Trudi Langendorf
Jun 17, 2017

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DNR Public Comment,

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June 16, 2017

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Mrs. Cheryl Laskasky
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Amanda Laubenstein

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I know about earthquakes first-hand. I do not want earthquakes in Illinois.

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Sincerely,

Carol Lauhon

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Brown, Ronda

From: Ann Lavon  Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 3:05 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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HVHHF #000001

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Sincerely,

Laurie LeBreton

ONE Northside/Fair Economy Illinois
From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Christopher Lee <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 6:42 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

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Thank you for your attention to my comments. Illinois DNR should reject the company's inadequate permit application that fails to protect our health and environment.

Sincerely,

Christopher Lee
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Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

Please focus on renewable energy. That's where the real money is for Illinois and its citizens. Fracking is too costly, destructive and dangerous. We MUST look ahead reasonably. Our grandchildren are counting on us for their lives.

I urge you to protect Illinois' natural resources and our public health and safety by denying Woolsey Operating Company LLC's well permit application (HVHHF Review #: 000001).

Hundreds of studies have shown that the practice of hydraulic fracturing pollutes our air, water and soil with toxic, carcinogenic and radioactive materials.

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Thank you

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Sincerely,

Dr. Deborah Lee
Oil & Gas Regulatory Staff,

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Hannah Lee
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of R. A. Lee <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:41 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

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As an Illinoisan I cannot think of a more alarming and unthinkable decision to open our state to this horrific practice and industry. It is ridiculous to sustain the proposed idea solely on the financial gains to anyone directly connected to Woolsey Operating Co. LLC- job holders included- while the entire venture is nothing but dangerous, toxic, and wholly detrimental to the people and state of Illinois. Further, no one in Illinois will be thankful for financial funds collected by the state in this deal after the fact, which are unable to cover by 1000 times, the horrific damage, lawsuits, lives lost, properties poisoned, water turned toxic, and earthquakes..

Please stop this wholly against Nature practice happening in Illinois.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. R. A. Lee
Brown, Ronda

From: Lindsay Lefteroff  
Sent You a Personal Message <automain@knowwho.com>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:20 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Sincerely,

Lindsay Lefteroff

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Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

I am writing these comments in regards to the application from Woolsey Operating Company, LLC for a permit under the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA), assigned to Review Number HVHHF-000001. This is the first attempt to frack our state.

You Must Say NO!

The proposed well (Woodrow #1H-310408-193) in White County, Illinois threatens public health and safety and the permit application contains a number of issues highlighted below.

The application is woefully lacking in data and information required by the Illinois legislature and Illinois DNR under the rules and regulations of the HFRA that are designed to protect public health and the environment, and so cannot be approved as submitted. For example, the permit application does not give the exact location of the two disposal wells. The locations should be given with GPS coordinates so that the public knows exactly where these wells are located.

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5. The operations as described in the application would fail to preserve topsoil, and the stormwater management plan is inadequate.
6. The application plans for deficient surface and groundwater sampling. Adequate sampling must be required to protect important water sources.
7. Fracking is morally wrong and economically disastrous. Careful analysis shows the real costs are being ignored and carry morally reprehensible consequences.

Illinois DNR must reject the company's inadequate permit application that fails to protect our health and environment. You must reject it on moral and economic grounds.

Sincerely,

Leonardo Legorreta
This message was sent by KnowWho, as a service provider only, on behalf of the individual noted in the sender information.
Public Comments re: HVHHF #000001

Dear IDNR Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff:
I am writing as a concerned citizen and member of The People's Lobby and Reclaim Chicago regarding the Woolsey Operating Company's application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit (HVHHF #000001).

The Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There are overarching generalities and deficiencies in the initial application and supplemental information, not to mention problems where information was actually provided. The attached comments highlight areas of deficiency and concerning omissions in both the supplemental information and the original application.

I am concerned about Woolsey's capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete initial application to engage in high volume horizontal fracking which is an uncertain technology that can produce irreversible consequences for local aquifers, ecological systems and property values. Only technically, fiscally and legally competent and conscientious companies should be entrusted with a permit. The risk to the Public out weigh the monetary interests Woolsey and its fiscal backers claim as justification for their commercial right to a permit for the particular project for which a permit is requested.

Woolsey should not be given a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois -- Southern Illinoisans' water supplies, health, safety, and livelihoods are on the line.

Sincerely,

Dale Lehman

Comments re: HVHHF #000001 Supplemental Application Information

Section 09: Water Source Management Plan

[f] Identify the methods to be used to minimize impact to aquatic life.

Comment/Question: Woolsey reports that they anticipate injecting 7.5 million gallons of Frac fluid in part (d) of this section. But their onsite capacity for flowback is identified as 126,000 gallons. What are Woolsey's plans if this storage capacity proves too small? How will the 7.5 million gallons come back as 126,000?

(g) Identify the methods to be used to minimize withdrawals as much as feasible.

Comment: Woolsey states that it is "not in the interest of the applicant to overuse water in the HVHHF process" but it nowhere in their comments do they explain the methods it will use to minimize withdrawals. One of the most
important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that a n applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of "reasonable use" shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements and the supplemental material provided does nothing to rectify this deficiency. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will employ to minimize groundwater withdrawals and, even worse, fails to indicate that the applicant undertook any effort at all to consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations. The Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and, therefore, does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit over-consumption. Further supporting this concern is the fact that the Applicant’s proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This quantity is a full 50% greater than what the Department itself considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”

No justification is given in either the original application or the Supplemental Data by the Applicant for this exceptionally large water use or why it should not be deemed wasteful in violation of Illinois’ reasonable use doctrine for groundwater withdrawals. Such exceptionally large water consumption is particularly significant in White County, as this water will be removed from three (3) groundwater wells located in fairly shallow sand and gravel aquifers that can be rapidly depleted. Illinois has already had two significant droughts in the last 10 years. The Woolsey application indicates it plans on withdrawing the bulk of its water in the summer months when drought conditions and aquifer depletion are at their highest.

Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

Section 11: Well Site Safety Plan

The Schematic of Well Pad & HVHHF Flow Back Operations in Figure 2.1 shows 3 flow back fluid storage tanks. By contrast, the Water Source Management Plan lists 6 flow back fluid storage tanks, each with a 21,000 gallon capacity. If the schematic correct, on site storage for flow back fluid is reduced to 63,000 gallons.

Comments and Questions:

- Which is correct?
- Regardless of which is correct, see the comment made in section 9(f). When Woolsey anticipates 7.5 million gallons of frac fluid, have they demonstrated that their proposed flowback storage is adequate?
- Figure 2-4: Site Waterways Setback on Page 14 states it is 3700’ to the nearest perennial stream. The original Well Site Setback plan illustrates at least 5 "non-perennial streams”. Who designates these streams as "non-perennial" and what precautions is Woolsey proposing to ensure safety regarding these streams?

Page 117 of the 164 page Well Site Safety Plan has a table listing examples of "Permissible Heat Exposure TLV" (Threshold Limit Values).

Comment/Question: Will adequate personnel be on duty at all appropriate times to accommodate this schedule?
Concerning Attachment E: Fugitive Dust Control Plan:
Comments/Questions:

- Note: There are multiple mentions of "observed", "substantial fugitive dust". Is there a definition of "substantial fugitive dust"?
- Section 2.7 "Dust Control On Paved Roads" – What provisions have been made to ensure the "Wheel Wash" they describe will be installed and monitored at the location named?

Section 2.10 "Control of Other Air Emissions": Under the heading "Appropriate emission", it states that "Low-Sulfur Diesel will be used when possible."

Comment/Question:

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- Who and what determines when it is possible? IDNR should require they burn Low-Sulfur Diesel at all times. Availability is not an issue.

Section 12: The Containment Plan
Page 2 of this section states: "During flow back operations the tanks located within the area of the wellsite will also be surrounded by a dike capable of holding 150% of the total volume of the single largest container or tank within a common secondary containment area. The secondary containment will be inspected as required by 245.820."

Comment:
- The potential volume of flow back fluid should be the determinate of dike size, not the volume of any single container on site to temporarily hold flow back fluids.

Section 13: Casing & Cementing Plan
Page 2 of this section states: “Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present.”

Comments/Questions
- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
- How will this be documented?

The Woolsey addendum goes on to state: "Pursuant to 245.550, prior to drilling out the casing shoe, a Blow Out Preventer (BOP) shall be installed on the well by certified personal" (sic). "Prior to testing the BOP, IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present when the tests are performed.

Comments/Questions
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Comments/Questions
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- How will this be documented?

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Comments/Questions:
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Section 16: Public Notice
Page 1 of this section states: “If necessary, a public hearing is scheduled for the 02 day of August, 2017....”

Comments/Questions:
Public Comments re: Woolsey's Initial Application

Specific comments included below reference the documents contained in the original Woolsey Permit Application HVHHF-000001 (submitted on May 22, 2017) and are in relation to the regulations outlined in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act, 225 ILCS 732, unless otherwise indicated.

Directional Drilling Plan- Document 3
1. Directional Drilling Plan- The drilling lengths and depths submitted in the Plan do not match the depth in the scaled cross-section. There is also a discrepancy in angle of the non-vertical portion of the wellbore. If Woolsey cannot provide accurate information in their application, how can we trust them to drill in our state?

Underground Freshwater Information- Document 4
1. Inadequate Determination of Underground Freshwater - No Geological Survey Data submitted- Section 245.210(a)(5) requires reference to the Illinois State Geological Survey with regard to its proposed drilling. This is critical to insure that freshwater will not be contaminated. Woolsey has failed to provide this information.

2. Inadequate Evidence to Establish the Lowest Potential Fresh Water - Again, Woolsey has failed to provide this information. As such a clear potential exists that fresh water could exist below the drilling depth in a lower formation.

HVHHF Operations Plan - Document 5

1. Failure to Clearly Identify Formation to be Stimulated - The permit fails to clearly identify the formation that will be stimulated or fracked by the operation other than to state that the “drilling objective” is the New Albany Shale but later refers to the “objective” being the “Grassy Creek” shale and, later still, describes the “reservoir zone”, and the Selmier Shale as the “frac barrier.” These terms are not synonymous and therefore both confusing and inadequate.

2. Failure to Clearly Identify the Confining Zone - Section 245.210(a)(6) requires the Applicant to specifically identify and describe the formation or formations that constitute the “confining zone” for the proposed well. The application fails to meet this requirement. In fact, it fails to use this term at all in its application.

3. Missing Data - There is no information, data, or calculations supplied on either a micro-seismic study or the “historic” use to support whether the identification of the “frac barriers” is technically sound. The application contains no information on which a reliable conclusion can be reliably drawn regarding a confining zone or “frac barrier” and the Application is therefore inadequate and must be denied.

4. Confusing Data- The Role of the Selmier Shale is listed as both a “drilling objective” and a “frac barrier” (confining zone?) in the application. It cannot serve two purposes. It is either a drilling objective or a confining zone.

5. Inadequate Information- Fracturing Pressure- The fracturing pressure of the “producing zone” is given as 2,875 psi. Yet three separate formations are mentioned as “drilling objectives.” The same psi for all three would not be used.

6. Missing Data- Surface Training Pressure Range- This information is entirely missing.

7. No Information on the Vertical Propagation of Fractures - One of the most important safety features established in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the requirement that the susceptibility for vertical propagation of fractures in the confining zone and the formations contributing to that zone, are accurately determined and stated in the application, Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). The Document completely fails to satisfy this safeguard. The singular sentence it does provide fails to articulate a conclusion that the well plans are adequate and effective. On this basis alone, the permit should be denied.

8. Missing Data- No information on extent, water or water source, is provided for any formation and no thickness information is provided for the three formations constituting the New Albany Shale.

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9. **Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking** - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHHF wells is a major public health and safety concern and is therefore a specific requirement for analysis in Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). However, no specific information or reliable analysis on this important feature is provided in the Document. No information on the scope, lateral extent, depth or sophistication of this survey is provided.

**Chemical Disclosure Report - Document 7**

1. **Chemical Disclosure Plan** The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on "Composition/Information on Ingredients" lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:

1) Oxyalkylated alkylphenol (10-20% of total mixture),
2) Fatty acids (5-10% of total mixture),
3) Complex alkylaryl polyo-ester (5-10% of total mixture) and
4) Acetylenic alcohols (1-5% of total mixture).

All four of these constituent chemicals have their Chemical Abstract Service Number concealed on the Safety Data Sheet for the stated reason of “Trade Secret.”

**Water Source Management Plan - Document 9**

1. **Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals** - One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application's Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

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This is a special concern in this Application where the Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit over-consumption. Further supporting this concern is the fact that the Applicant's proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This quantity is a full 50% greater than what the Department itself considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of from “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”

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The Applicant’s failure to address its minimization duty is further compounded by its apparent failure to consider use of recycled water for its operations. Its only consideration of recycled water use is a single sentence in its Water Source Management Plan that “Backflow will not commence until injection in all frac stages has been completed, thus there will be no opportunity for use of recycled water in the hydraulic fracture completion.”

Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the
use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.

The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

2. Will There Be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site- The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will involve three water wells to supply 7,500,000 gallons of water for the base fluid of the hydraulic fracturing operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7:

The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHHF water supply wells) and a surface water body (a stock pond). A fourth potentially required water supply well may be drilled, and, if completed, will be included in this monitoring program. (emphasis added)

Apparently, Woolsey does not intend to be bound by its Water Source Management Plan and reserves discretion to modify it for its own undisclosed purposes in a manner that might increase its already high levels of water consumption. However, the clear intent of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is to make these plans binding. Accordingly, the Department should require that the reference highlighted above to a possible fourth well be deleted from the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and the Applicant expressly limited to the three wells proposed in the Water Source Management Plan, provided a valid consideration of minimization methods and alternatives does not reduce that number even further (see previous comment).

Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10

1. Inadequate Information on Fracturing Fluids - The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of information and either completely neglects or is patently vague on numerous items of required information. Equally unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required by paragraph (b) of the Department’s form regarding fracturing fluid is provided as the only information stated in the Applicant’s plan is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information on “injection schedule, flow rate, reuse volume, storage, any treatment and total volume in detail.”

2. Unrealistic Rate of Flowback Recovery Proposed - The application states an anticipated 4-5,000 barrels of flowback will be recovered but fails to give information on how this number was calculated. The number proposed in the application is 2.8% of the total estimated to be utilized. This is substantially less (5.4 to 7.1 times less) than the average amount of flowback highlighted by the Ohio DNR for fracking, which is 15-20% of the total volume used. If the Ohio numbers are correct, Woolsey will have dramatically underestimated it’s needs for storage capacity and transport. Woolsey must be required to quantify how it arrived at its numbers or be denied a permit on this basis.
3. **Inadequate Information on Storage Tanks** - The application states that the storage tanks will meet the qualities for the “purpose built.” There is no identification as to the number of storage tanks, which will be critical in light of the above comment, nor is there information on the rate/frequency for emptying the tanks. These are all inadequate.

4. **No Testing Plan for Flowback Water** - This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.

5. **Use of Earthen Containment Berms** - The plan states that the flowback storage tanks will be “enclosed by earthen containment berms which will be of sufficient size to contain all of the possible flow back fluid temporary storage volume.” No information is provided regarding the engineering properties or layout of these earthen berms. Earthen berms are inadequate for site containment. And, s identified in previous comments, if the flowback calculation is closer to Ohio DNR’s numbers, the storage proposed will be completely inadequate.

**Wellsite Safety Plan- Document 11**

1. **No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale”** - Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety Plan addresses Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (“NORM”). This section limits the drill cuttings to be tested for radioactivity to “black shale.” Although this phrase is used in the regulations, it is not defined there or in the Safety Plan, nor at any other point in the Application. Accordingly, what is considered the “black shale” subject to this testing requirement is unspecified. The Plan should therefore be amended to identify the specific geologic formations that the Applicant considers to be “black shale,” in the vicinity of its proposed well, including the formation depth, so the extent of sampling will be clear.

2. **Safety Considerations of the General Public** - There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.

**Containment Plan- Document 12**

1. **The Containment Plan is completely inadequate.** It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments on the inadequacy of the “earthen containment berms and the lack of specificity in the number of containment tanks especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.

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**Casing and Cementing Plan- Document 13**

1. **Missing Information in the Casing and Cementing Plan** - The casing and cementing plan does not address the requirements labeled in Document 13 regarding the potential for earthquakes. The application is therefore incomplete and must either be amended by the applicant or denied by IDNR. Furthermore, the casing and cementing plan is completely inadequate to meet Illinois’ regulations. It does not include the detail required by the HFRA and cannot be approved without this critical information.

**Traffic Management Plan- Document 14**

1. **Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River** - The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.

**Proof of Insurance- Document 18**

1. **The Certificate of Insurance is insufficient** to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

**Failure to Specify Earthquake or Floodplain Hazard**

1. **Specification of Earthquake Area or Floodplain Missing or Inadequate** - The Department’s form requires the applicant to identify whether the insured wellsite location is in a define earthquake area or a regulatory floodplain. The Application meets neither requirement.

**Topsoil Preservation Plan- Document 19**

1. **Topsoil Plan Inadequate** - The Department’s form requires that the Topsoil Preservation Plan must be provided with “detail.” (“Please detail the plan to stockpile, stabilize . . . any topsoil and subsoil ...”). No information is provided as to the amount of soil (top or sub) that will be stockpiled. The level of negligible detail that is...
provided, seems more like an effort to expend the least possible effort and expense in handling the soil by just spreading it around the site. Accordingly, it does not appear to be a “preservation” plan at all given this lack of detail.

Water Quality Monitoring Plan
1. **Inadequate Water Quality Monitoring Plan** - The HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring is over six pages in length and is specific as to what is required in an approachable plan. The applicant plan is completely inadequate in addressing everything required for in

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the HFRA. For example, the applicant’s monitoring plan does not identify a single specific sampling point. Similarly the groundwater section is also generic. This is unacceptable and the application should be denied on this basis.

2. **Data Analysis Procedure Plan Inadequate** - The laboratory tests require an interpretation of the test results and for that purpose, the Applicant concludes its Water Quality Monitoring Plan with a section titled “Data Analysis Procedures.” The Section is completely generic and does not actually provide such analytic procedures, thus rendering the Application incomplete. Instead of supplying an actual data analysis plan, the Applicant merely states that “the method to be used under this plan is based on (emphasis added) U.S. EPA methodology established for the assessment of contaminants in environmental samples, and is described in Chapter 9 of U.S. EPA publication 846. We plan to use a data analysis plan based on that methodology.” Accordingly, no plan is proposed that can be evaluated during the public comment period and the Application is incomplete. There is no valid reason why such a plan cannot be presented for comment now. Without it, the application must be denied.

3. **Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan is Not “Independent”** - The “Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan” calls for an "independent third party" to collect and sample water to establish baseline measurements of water quality and quantity. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan also tasks an "independent third party" to collect and sample water for years into the future. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan application states Shawnee Professional Services will collect water samples to establish baseline measurements. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan application also states Shawnee Professional Services will collect water samples for years into the future. There can be no greater public interest than the monitoring of water quality & quantity. The public must depend on IDNR to protect its interests. Shawnee Professional Services has a conflict of interest. Mitch Garret owner of Shawnee Professional Services was a founder of a pro fracking group formed in Johnson County to fight the non - binding resolution "A Community Bill of Rights" in the spring of 2014. The pro fracking group felt so threatened by the non - binding "A Community Bill of Rights" resolution that one of its first acts was to "convince" The Vienna Times newspaper, three weeks prior to the vote, to refuse all anti fracking advertisement, articles and letters to the editor. To leave the ultimate "public interest" in the hands of a company owned by Mitch Garret is to not understand the meaning of independent third party.

**Radioactive Materials Management** - Document 25

1. **Lack of Clarification on “Black Shale” subject to sampling** - As stated in the previous comments under Document 11, the Wellsite Safety Plan, the phrase “black shale” is not defined in the regulations and the extent of sampling thereof is uncertain. Please confirm what geologic formations you consider to be in the “black shale” that will be tested pursuant to this requirement.

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2. **Need to Clarify If Filters Will Be Used and Tested for Radioactivity** - One of the most serious sources for radioactive contamination is from filters used at hydraulic fracturing sites and disposal sites. No mention is made of filters in the Application or of the specific type of equipment to be used on-site. The Applicant must state whether any filters will be utilized on-site and if so, how they will be managed.

**Bond** - Document 27

1. **Insufficient bond** - The bond amount identified in the application is in the amount of $50,000 which is the amount for a single well, not a blanket bond. In the approximate center of the bond is a box captioned with: “ONLY COMPLETE IF BOND IS FOR INDIVIDUAL WELL OR PERMIT.” The information to be entered in this box for an individual well gives locational and identifying information for the well covered, but the Applicant fails to provide
any of that information. The Applicant must either provide a new Bond with this information or provide an explanation for why the Bond is incomplete and does not identify the well addressed in the Application.

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Brown, Ronda

From: Congregation Kneseth Israel
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 2:12 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comments re: HVHHF #000001

Dear IDNR Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff:

I am writing as a concerned citizen regarding Woolsey Operating Company’s application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit (HVHHF #000001).

After reading the comments about this request I can see that the Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There are many generalities and deficiencies in their application and supplemental information. Too many to mention here, but a few of them will hopefully suffice to show this company should not be allowed anywhere near our state of Illinois.

1. Their overuse of water, by twice the amount usual for these operations. They provide no method to be used to minimize water withdrawals. This in a state that has had two severe and long-lasting droughts in the last ten years. This is also a violation of Illinois’ reasonable use doctrine.
2. Woolsey has provided a Directional Drilling Plan where drilling lengths and depths do not match the depth in the scaled cross-section. Without accurate information do we actually believe we can trust Woolsey to drill in our state?
3. Woolsey has failed to provide Geological Survey Data. This data is critical to insure that freshwater will not be contaminated.

There are 12 pages of information like the above to describe missing data, confusing data, inadequate information, and no information on important issues. These 12 pages describe why Woolsey’s permit application is totally unacceptable and a permit must be denied.

Also, considering we are in an eight-state area that is affected by the New Madras Fault, still the company does not identify if the well site location is in an earthquake area or a regulatory floodplain. This is another requirement the company has ignored. We don’t need to wake up or even tickle this sleeping giant of a fault.

I am concerned about Woolsey’s capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete application to engage in high volume horizontal fracking.

Woolsey should not be given a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois – Southern Illinoisans’ water supplies, health, safety and livelihoods are at risk.

Sincerely,
Peggy Lehman

[[Virus-free. www.avast.com]]
Jun 18, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

I urge you to protect Illinois' natural resources and our public health and safety by denying Woolsey Operating Company LLC's well permit application (HVHHF Review #: 000001).

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Do not sacrifice the health of Illinoisans and our natural resources for a toxic industry. Please deny the Woolsey Operating Company fracked well permit.

Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Leibowitz
Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

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The application is woefully lacking in data and information required by the Illinois legislature and Illinois DNR under the rules and regulations of the HFRA that are designed to protect public health and the environment, and so cannot be approved as submitted. For example, the permit application does not give the exact location of the two disposal wells. The locations should be given with GPS coordinates so that the public knows exactly where these wells are located.

From the information that is provided, a number of concerns arise, including but not limited to:

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5. The operations as described in the application would fail to preserve topsoil, and the stormwater management plan is inadequate.
6. The application plans for deficient surface and groundwater sampling. Adequate sampling must be required to protect important water sources.

Thank you for your attention to my comments. Illinois DNR should reject the company's inadequate permit application that fails to protect our health and environment.

Sincerely,

Susan Leibowitz

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Sincerely,

Nancy Leiting

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Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

Woolsey Operating Company, LLC has applied for a permit under the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA), assigned to Review Number HVHHF-000001. I oppose this permit, and I ask you to decline the application for this proposed well (Woodrow #1H-310408-193, in White County). It would threaten public health and safety and the permit application contains a number of issues highlighted below.

The application is woefully lacking in data and information required by the Illinois legislature and Illinois DNR under the rules and regulations of the HFRA that are designed to protect public health and the environment, and so cannot be approved as submitted. For example, the permit application does not give the exact location of the two disposal wells. The locations should be given with GPS coordinates so that the public knows exactly where these wells are located.

The problems include:

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Sincerely,

Kristin Lems
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Elizabeth Lennon <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 10:15 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 18, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

I urge you to protect Illinois' natural resources and our public health and safety by denying Woolsey Operating Company LLC's well permit application (HVHHF Review #: 000001).

Hundreds of studies have shown that the practice of hydraulic fracturing pollutes our air, water and soil with toxic, carcinogenic and radioactive materials.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Lennon
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Sincerely,

Ms. Carol Lentz
Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

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Sincerely,

Ms. Eve Danner Lentz
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Eve Lentz <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 8:44 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 21, 2017
Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Sincerely,

Ms. Eve Lentz
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Aldo Lenzi <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 2:44 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 17, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Sincerely,

Mr. Aldo Lenzi
Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

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Sincerely,

Anne Marie Leofanti

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Oil & Gas Regulatory Staff,

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Heriberto Leon
Im submitting comments for the above referenced application.

HVHHF-000001 Missing Data-No information on extent, water or water source, is provided for any formation and no thickness information is provided for the three formations constituting the New Albany Shale.

Sandra
Jun 16, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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We just passed the Future Energy Jobs Act in Illinois, for clean energy and jobs. Let's keep it that way!

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Sincerely,

Ms. Mildred Leonard
Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

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Sincerely,

Mildred Leonard

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Jun 19, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Sincerely,

Ms. Anna Leopold
Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

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Sincerely,

Alejandro Lerma

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From: Kathleen Lerner
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 11:56 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] HVHHF-000001 is a mistake for Illinois

Sirs (and ladies)

The HVHHF-000001 plan and fracking in general is a timebomb for the general welfare of our environment as well as legal ramifications that are evident in this poorly envisioned effort to put fracking into the language of Illinois.

In general, the Woolsey application is woefully lacking in data and information required by the General Assembly and the IDNR to protect public health and the environment. 2. From the information that IS provided, a number of concerns arise, including but not limited to:
Exceptionally large water withdrawals from groundwater resources are proposed that are very susceptible to depletion, and failure to recycle water or otherwise minimize water consumption.
Significant underestimation of flowback volumes, and inadequate containment facilities for even that amount of flowback and other chemicals/wastes that the application does estimate.
Concealment of information on hazardous fracking chemicals without attempting to demonstrate entitlement to trade secret protection.
Inadequate insurance, with insurance that excludes the very types of damages to private landowners’ property that should be protected
Failure to preserve topsoil and an inadequate storm water management plan Deficient surface and groundwater sampling

There's so much more. Please do not allow anything from this application to go through, on any basis.

Kathleen Lerner
Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

I am writing these comments in regards to the application from Woolsey Operating Company, LLC for a permit under the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA), assigned to Review Number HVHFF-000001. The proposed well (Woodrow #1H-310408-193) in White County, Illinois would threaten public health and safety and the permit application contains a number of issues highlighted below.

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Sincerely,

Lloyd Lesmeister

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From the information that is provided, the following issues generate concern:

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Thank you for your attention these serious likely problems. Illinois DNR should reject the company's inadequate permit application that fails to protect our health and environment.

Sincerely,

Robin Lester

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Hello,

My name is Andrew Levine and I am a resident of Chicago. I am submitting this public comment asking you to please ban fracking in Illinois.

In general, the Woolsey application is woefully lacking in data and information required by the General Assembly and the IDNR to protect public health and the environment.

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- Failure to preserve topsoil and an inadequate storm water management plan
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For the reasons above, please ban fracking in Illinois.

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Ms. Holly Lewandowski
Brown, Ronda

From: Brad Lewis [automail@knowwho.com] Sent You a Personal Message
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 9:11 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Joe Lewis

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HVHHF-000001

I am opposed to fracking in Illinois. Fracking contributes to both toxic air and water pollution in nearby communities. The methane leakage produced by fracking is a significant contributor to climate change.

Kathy Lewis
Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Lacey Wyant Lewis <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 9:50 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 17, 2017

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HVHHF-000001

To Whom it May Concern:

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Jun 19, 2017

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From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Kathy Livingston <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 5:11 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 28, 2017

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Brown, Ronda

From: Dave Llewellyn  Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 8:34 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Gary Lofgren

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Jun 24, 2017

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Sincerely,

Mr. Trent Busse
Jun 16, 2017

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Sincerely,

Mr. David Butler
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Sandra Bush
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Oil & Gas Regulatory Staff,

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Laura Campbell

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Jun 16, 2017

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Sincerely,

Dr. Rosie Campbell
Jun 21, 2017

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Lastly, it is extremely well established that the health and wellbeing of humans and the earth system is dependent upon a rapid transition away from carbon intensive fossil fuels towards renewable energy. We need to be replacing current fossil fuel extraction facilities with renewables, not granting new permits.

Do your job and protect Illinois people not Mr. Woolsey's thick wallet.

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Brown, Ronda

From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> on behalf of Brenda Canning <act@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 9:13 AM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Public Comment regarding HVHHF Review #:000001

Jun 17, 2017

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Brown, Ronda

From: R. Peter Carey <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 9:18 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Kathleen Carl
Registered voter since 1975
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pauline carlesen

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to submit comments on the Woolsey HVHHF supplemental information but I cannot find information on your website as to how to reference these comments. On the Woolsey "Supplemental Application Information" section 01- Application Well Information, the Applicant Registration Number Information is listed as HVHHF- 00003 but in the subsequent sections, in the title of Woolsey's documents, it is entitled HVHHF-10.

Please send me the correct designation and procedures and post them on your website so that all comments are able to be submitted accurately.

Sincerely,
Dawn Dannenbring-Carlson
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Illinois People’s Action regarding the The Woolsey application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit. We submitted an initial set of comments on the initial application on June 26. We are now writing regarding the Supplemental Application Information provided by Woolsey.

We noted during our initial submission of comments that the Woolsey application was woefully inadequate. There were overarching generalities and deficiencies in the application, not to mention problems where information was actually provided.

We continue to have a concern regarding Woolsey’s capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete initial application to engage in high volume horizontal fracking. They were essentially given an “open book” test with the passage of the HFRA and have demonstrated they still can’t pass that test without extensive help on the part of the Department, the environmental community and the public through written comments. We believe they have demonstrated that they lack both the capacity and willingness to comply with the law. As such, we assert that they should not be given a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois.

Sincerely,

Dawn Dannenbring, Environmental Organizer

Illinois People's Action
Section 09 Water Source Management Plan

(f) Identify the methods to be used to minimize impact to aquatic life.

Comment: Woolsey reports that they anticipate injecting 7.5 million gallons of Frac fluid in part (d) of this section. But their onsite capacity for flowback is identified as 126,000 gallons. How can 7.5 million gallons come back as 126,000? Woolsey has no back up plan if this storage capacity proves too small.

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Comment: Woolsey states that it is “not in the interest of the applicant to overuse water in the HVHHF process” but it nowhere in their comments do they explain the methods it will use to minimize withdrawals. One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements and the supplemental material provided does nothing to rectify this deficiency. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will employ to minimize groundwater withdrawals and, even worse, fails to indicate that the applicant undertook any effort at all to consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations.

The Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and, therefore, does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit over-consumption. Further supporting this concern is the fact that the Applicant’s proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of
7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This quantity is a full 50% greater than what the Department itself considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of from “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”

No justification is given in either the original application or the Supplemental Data by the Applicant for this exceptionally large water use or why it should not be deemed wasteful in violation of Illinois’ reasonable use doctrine for groundwater withdrawals. Such exceptionally large water consumption is particularly significant in White County, as this water will be removed from three (3) groundwater wells located in fairly shallow sand and gravel aquifers that can be rapidly depleted. Illinois has already had two significant droughts in the last 10 years. The Woolsey application indicates it plans on withdrawing the bulk of its water in the summer months when drought conditions and aquifer depletion are at their highest.

Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

Section 11 Well Site Safety Plan

The Schematic of Well Pad & HVHHF Flow Back Operations in Figure 2.1 shows 3 flow back fluid storage tanks. By contrast, the Water Source Management Plan lists 6 flow back fluid storage tanks, each with a 21,000 gallon capacity. If the schematic correct, on site storage for flow back fluid is reduced to 63,000 gallons.

• Comments and Questions:
  
  o Which is correct?

  o Regardless of which is correct, see the comment made in section 9(f). When Woolsey anticipates 7.5 million gallons of frac fluid, have they demonstrated that their proposed flowback storage is adequate?

  o Figure 2-4: Site Waterways Setback on Page 14 states it is 3700’ to the nearest perennial stream. The original Well Site Setback plan illustrates at least 5 "non-perennial streams". Who designates these streams as "non-perennial" and what precautions is Woolsey proposing to ensure safety regarding these streams?
Page 117 of the 164 page Well Site Safety Plan has a table listing examples of "Permissible Heat Exposure TLV" (Threshold Limit Values).

- **Comment/Question:** Will adequate personnel be on duty at all appropriate times to accommodate this schedule?

Concerning Attachment E: Fugitive Dust Control Plan:

**Comments/Questions:**

- **Note:** There are multiple mentions of "observed", "substantial fugitive dust". Is there a definition of "substantial fugitive dust"?

- **Section 2.7 "Dust Control On Paved Roads"** – What provisions have been made to ensure the “Wheel Wash” they describe will be installed and monitored at the location named?

Section 2.10 “Control of Other Air Emissions”: Under the heading “Appropriate emission”, it states that "Low-Sulfur Diesel will be used when possible."

**Comment/Question:**

- Who and what determines when it is possible? IDNR should require they burn Low - Sulfur Diesel at all times. Availability is not an issue.

**Section 12: The Containment Plan**

Page 2 of this section states: “During flow back operations the tanks located within the area of the wellsites will also be surrounded by a dike capable of holding 150% of the total volume of the single largest container or tank within a common secondary containment area. The secondary containment will be inspected as required by 245.820.”

**Comment:**

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Page 2 of this section states: “Prior to setting and cementing of the casing the IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present.”

Comments/Questions

- Will IDNR have an inspector present?
- How will this be documented?

The Woolsey addendum goes on to state: “Pursuant to 245.550, prior to drilling out the casing shoe, a Blow Out Preventer (BOP) shall be installed on the well by certified personal” (sic). “Prior to testing the BOP, IDNR’s District Office will be contacted by phone and electronic mail of the planned operation to enable an inspector to be present when the tests are performed.

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Comments/Questions:

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- How will this be documented?

Section 16: Public Notice
Page 1 of this section states: “If necessary, a public hearing is scheduled for the 02 day of August, 2017….”

Comments/Questions:

- Who determines if it is “necessary”?
- Who will be allowed to testify? What type of testimony will be allowed?
- Are there parameters in place for such a hearing? If yes, What are they?
To Whom It May Concern,

Monday, January 27th, 2014, the casing blew out of a Woosley Operating Company oil rig near Highway 15 southeast of Fairfield, IL. Two Southern Illinoisans Against Fracturing our Environment (SAFE) volunteers witnessed the wreckage the following morning. Local reports said that two workers were injured in the explosion. Now, three and a half years later, Woolsey wants to engage in high volume horizontal fracking in Illinois.

Did Woolsey report the accident when it applied for the new permit? Please note that they reported it was a hydrogen vertical frack but nitrogen trucks were photographed on the scene.

If Woolsey can't frack a vertical well without problems, they should not be trusted to engage in high volume horizontal fracking. Based on this track record, we urge you to deny Woolsey a HVHHF permit.

Sincerely,

Dawn Dannenbring
Illinois People's Action
HVHHF #000001

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NOTE:

Specific comments included below reference the documents contained in the Woolsey Permit Application HVHHF-000001 and are in relation to the regulations outlined in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act, 225 ILCS 732, unless otherwise indicated.

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Dawn Dannenbring, Environmental Organizer
Illinois People's Action

COMMENTS on HVHHF #000001

Directional Drilling Plan- Document 3

1. **Directional Drilling Plan**- The drilling lengths and depths submitted in the Plan do not match the depth in the scaled cross-section. There is also a discrepancy in angle of the non-vertical portion of the wellbore. If Woolsey cannot provide accurate information in their application, how can we trust them to drill in our state?

Underground Freshwater Information- Document 4

2. **Inadequate Determination of Underground Freshwater** - No Geological Survey Data submitted- Section 245.210(a)(5) requires reference to the Illinois State Geological Survey with regard to its proposed drilling. This is critical to insure that freshwater will not be contaminated. Woolsey has failed to provide this information.

3. **Inadequate Evidence to Establish the Lowest Potential Fresh Water** - Again, Woolsey has failed to provide this information. As such a clear potential exists that fresh water could exist below the drilling depth in a lower formation.

HVHHF Operations Plan - Document 5

4. **Failure to Clearly Identify Formation to be Stimulated** - The permit fails to clearly identify the formation that will be stimulated or fracked by the operation other than to state that the “drilling objective” is the New Albany Shale but later refers to the “objective” being the “Grassy Creek” shale and, later still, describes the “reservoir zone”, and the Semier Shale as the “frac barrier.” These terms are not synonymous and therefore both confusing and inadequate.

5. **Failure to Clearly Identify the Confining Zone** - Section 245.210(a)(6) requires the Applicant to specifically identify and describe the formation or formations that constitute the “confining zone” for the proposed well. The application fails to meet this requirement. In fact, it fails to use this term at all in its application.

6. **Missing Data** - There is no information, data, or calculations supplied on either a micro-seismic study or the “historic” use to support whether the identification of the “frac barriers” is technically sound. The application contains no information on which a reliable conclusion can be reliably drawn regarding a confining zone or “frac barrier” and the Application is therefore inadequate and must be denied.

7. **Confusing Data**- The Role of the Semier Shale is listed as both a “drilling objective” and a “frac barrier” (confining zone?) in the application. It cannot serve two purposes. It is either a drilling objective or a confining zone.
8. **Inadequate Information** - Fracturing Pressure - The fracturing pressure of the “producing zone” is given as 2,875 psi. Yet three separate formations are mentioned as “drilling objectives.” The same psi for all three would not be used.

9. **Missing Data** - Surface Training Pressure Range - This information is entirely missing.

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**Chemical Disclosure Report - Document 7**

13. **Chemical Disclosure Plan** The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on “Composition/Information on Ingredients” lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:

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2) Fatty acids (5-10% of total mixture),

3) Complex alkylaryl polyo-ester (5-10% of total mixture) and

4) Acetylenic alcohol (1-5% of total mixture).

All four of these constituent chemicals have their Chemical Abstract Service Number concealed on the Safety Data Sheet for the stated reason of “Trade Secret.”

**Water Source Management Plan - Document 9**

14. **Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals** One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use”
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The Applicant’s failure to address its minimization duty is further compounded by its apparent failure to consider use of recycled water for its operation. Its only consideration of recycled water use is a single sentence in its Water Source Management Plan that “Backflow will not commence until injection in all frac stages has been completed, thus there will be no opportunity for use of recycled water in the hydraulic fracture completion.”

Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.

The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.
15. Will there be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site- The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will involve three water wells to supply 7,500,000 gallons of water for the base fluid of the hydraulic fracturing operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7:

The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHHF water supply wells) and a surface water body (a stock pond). A fourth potentially required water supply well may be drilled, and, if completed, will be included in this monitoring program. (emphasis added)

Apparently, Woolsey does not intend to be bound by its Water Source Management Plan and reserves discretion to modify it for its own undisclosed purposes in a manner that might increase its already high levels of water consumption. However, the clear intent of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is to make these plans binding. Accordingly, the Department should require that the reference highlighted above to a possible fourth well be deleted from the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and the Applicant expressly limited to the three wells proposed in the Water Source Management Plan, provided a valid consideration of minimization methods and alternatives does not reduce that number even further (see previous comment).

Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan- Document 10

16. Inadequate information on Fracturing Fluids- The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of information and either completely neglects or is patently vague on numerous items of required information. Equally unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required by paragraph (b) of the Department’s form regarding fracturing fluid is provided as the only information stated in the Applicant’s plan is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information on “injection schedule, flow rate, reuse volume, storage, any treatment and total volume in detail.”

17. Unrealistic Rate of Flowback Recovery Proposed- The application states an anticipated 4-5,000 barrels of flowback will be recovered but fails to give information on how this number was calculated. The number proposed in the application is 2.8% of the total estimated to be utilized. This is substantially less (5.4 to 7.1 times less) than the average amount of flowback highlighted by the Ohio DNR for fracking, which is 15-20% of the total volume used. If the Ohio numbers are correct, Woolsey will have dramatically underestimated it’s needs for storage capacity and transport. Woolsey must be required to quantify how it arrived at its numbers or be denied a permit on this basis.

18. Inadequate Information on Storage Tanks- The application states that the storage tanks will meet the qualities for the “purpose built.” There is no identification as to the number of storage tanks, which will be critical in light of the above comment, nor is there information on the rate/frequency for emptying the tanks. These are all inadequate.

19. No Testing Plan for Flowback Water- This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.

20. Use of Earthen Containment Berms- The plan states that the flowback storage tanks will be “enclosed by earthen containment berms which will be of sufficient size to contain all of the possible flow back fluid temporary storage volume.” No information is provided regarding the engineering properties or layout of these earthen berms. Earthen berms are inadequate for site containment. And, as identified in previous comments, if the flowback calculation is closer to Ohio DNR’s numbers, the storage proposed will be completely inadequate.
21. **No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale”** - Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety Plan addresses Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (“NORM”). This section limits the drill cuttings to be tested for radioactivity to “black shale.” Although this phrase is used in the regulations, it is not defined there or in the Safety Plan, nor at any other point in the Application. Accordingly, what is considered the “black shale” subject to this testing requirement is unspecified. The Plan should therefore be amended to identify the specific geologic formations that the Applicant considers to be “black shale,” in the vicinity of its proposed well, including the formation depth, so the extent of sampling will be clear.

22. **Safety Considerations of the General Public** - There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.

23. **The Containment Plan is completely inadequate.** It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments on the inadequacy of the “earthen containment berms and the lack of specificity in the number of containment tanks especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.

24. **Missing Information in the Casing and Cementing Plan** - The casing and cementing plan does not address the requirements labeled in Document 13 regarding the potential for earthquakes. The application is therefore incomplete and must either be amended by the applicant or denied by IDNR. Furthermore, the casing and cementing plan is completely inadequate to meet Illinois’ regulations. It does not include the detail required by the HFRA and cannot be approved without this critical information.

25. **Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River** - The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.

26. **The Certificate of insurance is insufficient** to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

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soil by just spreading it around the site. Accordingly, it does not appear to be a “preservation” plan at all given this lack of detail.

**Water Quality Monitoring Plan**

29. **Inadequate Water Quality Monitoring Plan** - The HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring is over six pages in length and is specific as to what is required in an approvable plan. The applicant plan is completely inadequate in addressing everything required for in the HFRA. For example, the applicant’s monitoring plan does not identify a single specific sampling point. Similarly the groundwater section is also generic. This is unacceptable and the application should be denied on this basis.

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**Radioactive Materials Management - Document 25**

32. **Lack of Clarification on “Black Shale” subject to sampling** - As stated in the previous comments under Document 11, the Wellsite Safety Plan, the phrase “black shale” is not defined in the regulations and the extent of sampling thereof is uncertain. Please confirm what geologic formations you consider to be in the “black shale” that will be tested pursuant to this requirement.

33. **Need to Clarify If Filters Will Be Used and Tested for Radioactivity** - One of the most serious sources for radioactive contamination is from filters used at hydraulic fracturing sites and disposal sites. No mention is made of filters in the Application or of the specific type of equipment to be used on-site. The Applicant must state whether any filters will be utilized on-site and if so, how they will be managed.

**Bond - Document 27**
34. **Insufficient bond**- The bond amount identified in the application is in the amount of $50,000 which is the amount for a single well, not a blanket bond. In the approximate center of the bond is a box captioned with: “ONLY COMPLETE IF BOND IS FOR INDIVIDUAL WELL OR PERMIT.” The information to be entered in this box for an individual well gives locational and identifying information for the well covered, but the Applicant fails to provide any of that information. The Applicant must either provide a new Bond with this information or provide an explanation for why the Bond is incomplete and does not identify the well addressed in the Application.
HVHIF #000001

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Don Carlson
Dear IDNR Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff:

I am writing as a concerned citizen and member of The People's Lobby and Reclaim Chicago regarding the Woolsey Operating Company's application for a High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Permit (HVHHF #000001).

The Woolsey application is woefully inadequate. There are overarching generalities and deficiencies in the initial application and supplemental information, not to mention problems where information was actually provided. The attached comments highlight areas of deficiency and concerning omissions in both the supplemental information and the original application.

I am concerned about Woolsey’s capability to adhere to the letter or spirit of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA). They clearly demonstrated their inability to complete a full and complete initial application to engage in high volume horizontal fracking.

Woolsey should not be given a permit to engage in fracking in the state of Illinois -- Southern Illinoisans' water supplies, health, safety, and livelihoods are on the line.

Sincerely,
Kim Carr
Oil & Gas Regulatory Staff,

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Rebecca Carreno
Jun 17, 2017

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Department of Natural Resources IL

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Ms. Joyce Carroll
Brown, Ronda

From: Kevin Carroll  Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 6:14 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

Dear Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

I am writing these comments in regards to the application from Woolsey Operating Company, LLC for a permit under the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act (HFRA), assigned to Review Number HVHHF-000001. The proposed well (Woodrow #1H-310408-193) in White County, Illinois would threaten public health and safety and the permit application contains a number of issues highlighted below.

The application is woefully lacking in data and information required by the Illinois legislature and Illinois DNR under the rules and regulations of the HFRA that are designed to protect public health and the environment, and so cannot be approved as submitted. For example, the permit application does not give the exact location of the two disposal wells. The locations should be given with GPS coordinates so that the public knows exactly where these wells are located.

From the information that is provided, a number of concerns arise, including but not limited to:

1. The application requests exceptionally large water withdrawals from groundwater resources that are very susceptible to depletion, and fails to include plans to recycle water or otherwise minimize water consumption.
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4. The application includes inadequate insurance for the well, with insurance that excludes the very types of damages to private landowners' property that should be protected.
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Thank you.

--
Hillary Elizabeth Catrow
Email: [redacted]
To the IDNR Oil and Gas Regulatory staff,

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Sincerely,

Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford
Brown, Ronda

From: Cisley Celmer Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:50 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Re: HVHHF #000001

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If Woolsey is out of compliance with any aspect of HFRA’s requirements in this revised application then we ask that you deny their permit - 2 strikes and they should be out! The process of high volume
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Sincerely,

Dr. Lora Chamberlain

Organizer - Frack Free Illinois
TO: Illinois Department Of Natural Resources  
Attention: Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff  
One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL 62702

Re: HVHHF #000001  
Applicant: Woolsey Operating Company, LLC, a Kansas limited liability corporation  
Location: Between Springerton and Enfield, about 1.3 miles west of US Route 45;  
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In the name of the members of Frack Free Illinois, I am echoing the concerns of Richard J. Whitney, of SAFE, Southern Illinoisans Against Fracturing Our Environment, regarding Woolsey Operating Company LLC’s application for a high-volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing permit in White County, IL.

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Woolsey’s application appears to be in compliance with the requirement to test for and identify radioactive materials—but nothing else. It therefore does not qualify as a “strategy” that meets the other requirements. This is especially alarming, and cannot be deemed adequate, in light of the fact that technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive materials (TENORM) brought to the surface and/or deposited on oil-field equipment in Southern Illinois is generally much more radioactive than in other regions nationally—and White County, in particular, has shown elevated radioactivity in oilfield equipment and soils more commonly than in the rest of Southern Illinois. (See USGS Fact Sheet, FS-142–99—https://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/fs-0142-99/fs-0142-99.pdf, and James K. Otton, et al., Effects of produced water at some oilfield production sites in Southern Illinois, U.S.G.S. Open File Report 97–448, July 1997, pp. 6–7, 83—https://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/ofr97448)

Stating the deficiencies with greater particularity:

1. It does not identify what level of detected emissions in produced water, sludge, drilling mud, accumulated mineral scales on pipes and equipment, or in surrounding soil or surface water, will trigger removal or remedial action of any kind.
2. It does not identify—either in its Radioactive Materials Management Plan or its Site Safety & Health Plan—what level of workers’ exposure to radioactive emissions will trigger remedial action or what type of remedial action will be taken. It does not appear to include any requirement that workers at high risk of exposure will be provided with radiation-detection badges or similar devices that can provide reliable data on actual exposure.

3. The plan acknowledges that “radioactive materials might be removed from the site as wastes or within equipment as the equipment is moved from one site to another.” It states nothing about what precautions or methods will be used to transport radioactive wastes. It implies that radioactive wastes will simply be transported and disposed of in the Class II injection wells described in the Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan irrespective of the level or type of radioactive emissions detected. It clearly does not describe any alternative plan or contingency for the disposal of wastes above any given threshold of radioactive emissions.

4. The plan states that “[p]rior to disposal or recycling, materials that are suspected of containing NORM materials will be subjected to field testing and/or laboratory analysis to assess the possible requirement to be managed as radioactive wastes. If warranted, the appropriate NRC and DOT requirements shall be followed.” Using passive voice, it does not state who shall determine what “materials” will qualify as “suspected,” or what criteria shall be used to determine when materials are “suspected” of containing NORM or TENORM materials. It does not cite any specific NRC or DOT requirements. Neither the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 nor the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act cover NORM. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has no authority over radioactive oil and gas waste. (Brown, Valerie J., Radionuclides in Fracking Wastewater: Managing a Toxic Blend; Environ. Health Perspect., Feb. 2014; DOI: 10.1289/ehp.122-A50—https://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/122-a50/) Thus, at least without citations, the assurance that “appropriate” NRC requirements shall be followed, would appear to be meaningless.

In sum, neither the Radioactive Materials Management Plan nor the Site Safety & Health Plan provides any specific details regarding how radioactive materials above normal background levels—or above any level—will be managed, transported or disposed of any differently than any other materials. The application cannot possibly be deemed to be in compliance with § 245.210 (b)(7) and the public has no basis for concluding that public and environmental health will be adequately safeguarded if this permit is approved. Considering the disastrous consequences that have befallen the state of North Dakota, for example, as a consequence of poor regulation of radioactive wastewater, it would be unconscionable to grant a permit to Woolsey based on this application. (See, e.g., https://www.desmogblog.com/2016/05/08/duke-university-study-finds-legacy-radioactivity-water-and-soil-contaminated-thousands-fracking-wastewater-spills.)

The members of Frack Free Illinois urge you to uphold your duty to protect Illinois’ natural resources and our public health and safety, by denying Woolsey Operating Company LLC’s well permit application (HVHHF-000001).

Sincerely,

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Organizer - Frack Free Illinois
Oil & Gas Regulatory Staff,

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Hundreds of studies have shown that the practice of hydraulic fracturing pollutes our air, water and soil with toxic, carcinogenic and radioactive materials.

Even without any severe accident (such as the Woolsey well explosion in Fairfield in 2014), we know through air sampling, water testing and infrared footage that fracked wells leak. The proposed well site is within one mile of at least 5 known oil wells, and Woolsey Oil Corporation has a plan to flare excess methane, exposing the area nearby to toxins.

Do not sacrifice the health of Illinoisans and our natural resources for a toxic industry. Please deny the Woolsey Operating Company fracked well permit.

Lora Chamberlain
Re: HVHHF #000001

Dear IDNR,

Thank you for considering my comments on HVHHF #000001.

My name is Dr. Lora Chamberlain, I reside at [redacted]. I am an organizer of Frack Free Illinois, a large environmental organization concerned with the dangers of high volume fracking in Illinois - with members in Chicagoland, and throughout the state.

The Woolsey application for a HVHHF Permit in White County is the first permit application since the passage of the 2013 Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act. It is critical that the IDNR consider this permit very carefully.

Please deny the Woolsey HVHHF #000001 application for these general reasons:

- exceptionally large water withdrawals from groundwater resources are proposed that are very susceptible to depletion, and failure to recycle water or otherwise minimize water consumption.
- Significant underestimation of flowback volumes, and inadequate containment facilities for even that amount of flowback and other chemicals/wastes that the application does estimate.
- Concealment of information on hazardous fracking chemicals without attempting to demonstrate entitlement to trade secret protection.
- Inadequate insurance, with insurance that excludes the very types of damages to private landowners’ property that should be protected.
- Failure to preserve topsoil and an inadequate storm water management plan.
- Deficient surface and groundwater sampling.
- The Compendium of Scientific, Medical and Media Findings Demonstrating the Risks and Harms of Fracking, 4th Edition, [http://www.psr.org/assets/pdfs/fracking-compendium-4.pdf](http://www.psr.org/assets/pdfs/fracking-compendium-4.pdf), now contains 924 citations on the risks and harms of fracking, 692 of those findings have been published since the passage of the HFRA in 2013. The Woolsey application fails to address the newer findings in this report, and many of the older findings as well.

Please deny the Woolsey HVHHF #000001 application for these specific application deficiencies and details:

**Directional Drilling Plan- Document 3**

1. **Directional Drilling Plan**- The drilling lengths and depths submitted in the Plan do not match the depth in the scaled cross-section. There is also a discrepancy in angle of the non-vertical portion of the wellbore. If Woolsey cannot provide accurate information in their application, how can we trust them to drill in our state?

**Underground Freshwater Information- Document 4**
2. **Inadequate Determination of Underground Freshwater - No Geological Survey Data submitted** - Section 245.210(a)(5) requires reference to the Illinois State Geological Survey with regard to its proposed drilling. This is critical to insure that freshwater will not be contaminated. Woolsey has failed to provide this information.

3. **Inadequate Evidence to Establish the Lowest Potential Fresh Water** - Again, Woolsey has failed to provide this information. As such a clear potential exists that fresh water could exist below the drilling depth in a lower formation.

**HVHHF Operations Plan - Document 5**

4. **Failure to Clearly Identify Formation to be Stimulated** - The permit fails to clearly identify the formation that will be stimulated or fracked by the operation other than to state that the “drilling objective” is the New Albany Shale but later refers to the “objective” being the “Grassy Creek” shale and, later still, describes the “reservoir zone”, and the Semier Shale as the “frac barrier.” These terms are not synonymous and therefore both confusing and inadequate.

5. **Failure to Clearly Identify the Confining Zone** - Section 245.210(a)(6) requires the Applicant to specifically identify and describe the formation or formations that constitute the “confining zone” for the proposed well. The application fails to meet this requirement. In fact, it fails to use this term at all in its application.

6. **Missing Data** - There is no information, data, or calculations supplied on either a micro-seismic study or the “historic” use to support whether the identification of the “frac barriers” is technically sound. The application contains no information on which a reliable conclusion can be reliably drawn regarding a confining zone or “frac barrier” and the Application is therefore inadequate and must be denied.

7. **Confusing Data** - The Role of the Semier Shale is listed as both a “drilling objective” and a “frac barrier” (confining zone?) in the application. It cannot serve two purposes. It is either a drilling objective or a confining zone.

8. **Inadequate Information** - Fracturing Pressure - The fracturing pressure of the “producing zone” is given as 2,875 psi. Yet three separate formations are mentioned as “drilling objectives.” The same psi for all three would not be used.

9. **Missing Data** - Surface Training Pressure Range - This information is entirely missing.

10. **No information on the Vertical Propagation of Fractures** - One of the most important safety features established in the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the requirement that the susceptibility for vertical propagation of fractures in the confining zone and the formations contributing to that zone, are accurately determined and stated in the application, Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). The Document completely fails to satisfy this safeguard. The singular sentence it does provide fails to articulate a conclusion that the well plans are adequate and effective. On this basis alone, the permit should be denied.

11. **Missing Data** - No information on extent, water or water source, is provided for any formation and no thickness information is provided for the three formations constituting the New Albany Shale.

12. **Data on Transmissive Faults Lacking** - The potential for transmissive faults contiguous to HVHHF wells is a major public health and safety concern and is therefore a specific requirement for analysis in Section 245.210(a)(6)(A). However, no specific information or reliable analysis on this important
Chemical Disclosure Report- Document 7

13. **Chemical Disclosure Plan** The Document explicitly states that no trade secrecy claim will be made in connection with the chemicals proposed for use in the Application. That assertion is untrue. The Chemical and Proppant List includes the Corrosion Inhibitor Cronox AK-50 and six of its constituent chemicals supplied by vendor Baker Hughes. However, Section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet for Cronox AK-50 on “Composition/Information on Ingredients” lists ten constituent chemicals. The four chemicals in Cronox AK-50 that Applicant fails to identify in its Chemical and Proppant List:

1) Oxyalkylated alkylphenol (10-20% of total mixture),
2) Fatty acids (5-10% of total mixture),
3) Complex alkylaryl polyo-ester (5-10% of total mixture) and
4) Acetylenic alcohol (1-5% of total mixture).

All four of these constituent chemicals have their Chemical Abstract Service Number concealed on the Safety Data Sheet for the stated reason of “Trade Secret.”

Water Source Management Plan- Document 9

14. **Failure to Propose Methods to Minimize Water Withdrawals** One of the most important public safeguards of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is the mandate in Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) that an applicant must specify in the Application’s Water Source Management Plan: “the methods to be used to minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible.” This requirement is carried over directly into Section 245.210(a)(10)(A)(iv). To meet the literal wording of this statement requires that the Applicant consider a reasonable range of methods to reduce its water consumption and select those withdrawal minimization methods and alternatives that are appropriate to its proposed operation. Not only do the rules specifically require consideration of minimization alternatives, but an Application should also satisfy the “reasonable use” doctrine of groundwater use adopted in the Illinois Water Use Act of 1983 at 525 ILCS 45/6 (“The rule of “reasonable use” shall apply to groundwater withdrawals in the State.”) that reasonable use does not include water used “wastefully,” 525 ILCS 45/4.

The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan completely ignores these requirements. It fails to indicate a reasonable set of methods that it will employ to minimize groundwater withdrawals and, even worse, fails to indicate that the applicant undertook any effort at all to consider minimizing its water use in designing its operations.

This is a special concern in this Application where the Applicant proposes to utilize its own water wells and does not have the disincentive of paying on a per-gallon basis or having transportation costs to limit over-consumption. Further supporting this concern is the fact that the Applicant’s proposed operations appear to be especially wasteful in its proposed water use. The Water Source Management Plan proposes to use a total of 7,500,000 gallons of local groundwater in its treatment operations. This quantity is a full 50% greater than what the Department itself considers to be the “most commonly reliable figure” for a HVHHF of from “4.4 to 5 million gallons per well.”
No justification is given by the Applicant for this exceptionally large water use or why it should not be deemed wasteful in violation of Illinois’ reasonable use doctrine for groundwater withdrawals. Such exceptionally large water consumption is particularly significant in White County, as this water will be removed from three (3) groundwater wells located in fairly shallow sand and gravel aquifers that can be rapidly depleted. Illinois has already had two significant droughts in the last 10 years. The Woolsey application indicates it plans on withdrawing the bulk of its water in the summer months when drought conditions and aquifer depletion are at their highest.

The Applicant’s failure to address its minimization duty is further compounded by its apparent failure to consider use of recycled water for its operation. Its only consideration of recycled water use is a single sentence in its Water Source Management Plan that “Backflow will not commence until injection in all frac stages has been completed, thus there will be no opportunity for use of recycled water in the hydraulic fracture completion.”

Concern about the inadequacy of Applicant’s efforts to minimize water use is further reinforced by plan’s only stated “method” for avoiding the wasting of water, i.e., that it will limit the potential for leakage on-site through the use of piping rather than trucking and keeping the piping limited in length. This claim is far too insubstantial to meet the General Assembly’s intention for an effective effort at water minimization; this is a basic design consideration that is only being puffed up to masquerade as genuine water conservation efforts. Indeed, if leak management was seriously intended, there would be a leak prevention and management plan put in place. There is none.

The only way that the Applicant can satisfy its duty of “reasonable use” of the state’s groundwater and the regulatory requirement to “minimize water withdrawals as much as feasible” is to undertake a review of alternatives and to use the one that utilizes the least water, provided there is no adequately supported business reason to use a more wasteful alternative. Nothing in the Document indicates that such an effort has been undertaken. The Application therefore cannot be approved because the Applicant has not shown that its efforts at minimizing water use are adequate and effective.

Because of the failure to address any methods or alternatives to minimize its water usage, the application must be denied for the failure to meet the requirements for Water Source Management Plans. If the Plan would be approved on this basis, the practical result would be to write the minimization requirement of Section 1-35(b)(10)(C) of the Act out of the state’s statutes and to lose all its intended benefits for the people of Illinois, especially the farmers of White County.

15. Will there be a Fourth Well Drilled by the Applicant on Site - The Applicant’s Water Source Management Plan explicitly provides that it will involve three water wells to supply 7,500,000 gallons of water for the base fluid of the hydraulic fracturing operation. However, the Applicant’s Water Quality Monitoring Plan (Document 21) contains the following statement on page 7:

    The water sources included under this plan include both underground aquifers (one existing and 3 proposed HVHHF water supply wells) and a surface water body (a stock pond). A fourth potentially required water supply well may be drilled, and, if completed, will be included in this monitoring program. (emphasis added)

Apparently, Woolsey does not intend to be bound by its Water Source Management Plan and reserves discretion to modify it for its own undisclosed purposes in a manner that might increase its already high levels of water consumption. However, the clear intent of the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act is to make these plans binding. Accordingly, the Department should require that the reference highlighted above to a possible fourth well be deleted from the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and the Applicant expressly limited to the three wells proposed in the Water Source Management Plan, provided a valid
consideration of minimization methods and alternatives does not reduce that number even further (see previous comment).

Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan - Document 10

16. **Inadequate information on Fracturing Fluids** - The Applicant’s Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids and Flowback Plan contains barely a full page of information and either completely neglects or is patently vague on numerous items of required information. Equally unacceptable, it contains no supporting information for the conclusory statements it does make. Specifically, none of the information required by paragraph (b) of the Department’s form regarding fracturing fluid is provided as the only information stated in the Applicant’s plan is on flowback. Accordingly, the Application is incomplete and must be returned to the Applicant to provide the paragraph (b) required information on “injection schedule, flow rate, reuse volume, storage, any treatment and total volume in detail.”

17. **Unrealistic Rate of Flowback Recovery Proposed** - The application states an anticipated 4-5,000 barrels of flowback will be recovered but fails to give information on how this number was calculated. The number proposed in the application is 2.8% of the total estimated to be utilized. This is substantially less (5.4 to 7.1 times less) than the average amount of flowback highlighted by the Ohio DNR for fracking, which is 15-20% of the total volume used. If the Ohio numbers are correct, Woolsey will have dramatically underestimated it’s needs for storage capacity and transport. Woolsey must be required to quantify how it arrived at its numbers or be denied a permit on this basis.

18. **Inadequate Information on Storage Tanks** - The application states that the storage tanks will meet the qualities for the “purpose built.” There is no identification as to the number of storage tanks, which will be critical in light of the above comment, nor is there information on the rate/frequency for emptying the tanks. These are all inadequate.

19. **No Testing Plan for Flowback Water** - This is required by law but missing in the application. This is such a critical feature that the permit application should be denied on this basis alone.

20. **Use of Earthen Containment Berms** - The plan states that the flowback storage tanks will be “enclosed by earthen containment berms which will be of sufficient size to contain all of the possible flow back fluid temporary storage volume.” No information is provided regarding the engineering properties or layout of these earthen berms. Earthen berms are inadequate for site containment. And, as identified in previous comments, if the flowback calculation is closer to Ohio DNR’s numbers, the storage proposed will be completely inadequate.

Wellsite Safety Plan - Document 11

21. **No Clarity for NORM Sampling to Undefined “Black Shale”** - Section 3.2.10 of the Wellsite Safety Plan addresses Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (“NORM”). This section limits the drill cuttings to be tested for radioactivity to “black shale.” Although this phrase is used in the regulations, it is not defined there or in the Safety Plan, nor at any other point in the Application. Accordingly, what is considered the “black shale” subject to this testing requirement is unspecified. The Plan should therefore be amended to identify the specific geologic formations that the Applicant considers to be “black shale,” in the vicinity of its proposed well, including the formation depth, so the extent of sampling will be clear.

22. **Safety Considerations of the General Public** - There is virtually no consideration given to the safety of members of the general public that may be in the site’s vicinity. This is unacceptable and a permit should be denied on this basis.
Containment Plan- Document 12

23. **The Containment Plan is completely inadequate.** It fails to provide specific information on capacity and design. Please see previous comments on the inadequacy of the “earthen containment berms and the lack of specificity in the number of containment tanks especially in light of the (probably) underestimated amount of flowback.

Casing and Cementing Plan- Document 13

24. **Missing Information in the Casing and Cementing Plan**- The casing and cementing plan does not address the requirements labeled in Document 13 regarding the potential for earthquakes. The application is therefore incomplete and must either be amended by the applicant or denied by IDNR. Furthermore, the casing and cementing plan is completely inadequate to meet Illinois’ regulations. It does not include the detail required by the HFRA and cannot be approved without this critical information.

Traffic Management Plan- Document 14

25. **Traffic Avoidance of the Wabash River**- The application plan fails to address the need to avoid road traffic of hazardous materials in proximity to the Wabash River, a public water supply source.

Proof of Insurance- Document 18

26. **The Certificate of insurance is insufficient** to meet the requirements set by the HFRA and should be denied on that basis.

Failure to Specify Earthquake or Floodplain Hazard

27. **Specification of Earthquake area or floodplain missing or inadequate**- The Department’s form requires the applicant to identify whether the insured wellsite location is in a define earthquake area or a regulatory floodplain. The Application meets neither requirement.

Topsoil Preservation Plan- Document 19

28. **Topsoil Plan Inadequate**- The Department’s form requires that the Topsoil Preservation Plan must be provided with “detail.” (“Please detail the plan to stockpile, stabilize . . . any topsoil and subsoil …”). No information is provided as to the amount of soil (top or sub) that will be stockpiled. The level of negligible detail that IS provided, seems more like an effort to expend the least possible effort and expense in handling the soil by just spreading it around the site. Accordingly, it does not appear to be a “preservation” plan at all given this lack of detail.

Water Quality Monitoring Plan

29. **Inadequate Water Quality Monitoring Plan**- The HFRA section governing Water Quality Monitoring is over six pages in length and is specific as to what is required in an approvable plan. The applicant plan is completely inadequate in addressing everything required for in the HFRA. For example, the applicant’s monitoring plan does not identify a single specific sampling point. Similarly the groundwater section is also generic. This is unacceptable and the application should be denied on this basis.
30. **Data Analysis Procedure Plan Inadequate** - The laboratory tests require an interpretation of the test results and for that purpose, the Applicant concludes its Water Quality Monitoring Plan with a section titled “Data Analysis Procedures.” The Section is completely generic and does not actually provide such analytic procedures, thus rendering the Application incomplete. Instead of supplying an actual data analysis plan, the Applicant merely states that “the method to be used under this plan is based on (emphasis added) U.S. EPA methodology established for the assessment of contaminants in environmental samples, and is described in Chapter 9 of U.S. EPA publication 846. We plan to use a data analysis plan based on that methodology.” Accordingly, no plan is proposed that can be evaluated during the public comment period and the Application is incomplete. There is no valid reason why such a plan cannot be presented for comment now. Without it, the application must be denied.

31. **Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan is not “independent”** - The "Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan" calls for an "independent third party" to collect and sample water to establish baseline measurements of water quality and quantity. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan also tasks an "independent third party" to collect and sample water for years into the future. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan application states Shawnee Professional Services will collect water samples to establish baseline measurements. The Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan application also states Shawnee Professional Services will collect water samples for years into the future. There can be no greater public interest than the monitoring of water quality & quantity. The public must depend on IDNR to protect its interests. Shawnee Professional Services has a conflict of interest. Mitch Garret, owner of Shawnee Professional Services was a founder of a pro fracking group formed in Johnson County to fight the non - binding resolution "A Community Bill of Rights" in the spring of 2014. The pro fracking group felt so threatened by the non - binding "A Community Bill of Rights" resolution that one of its first acts was to "convince" The Vienna Times newspaper, three weeks prior to the vote, to refuse all anti fracking advertisement, articles and letters to the editor. To leave the ultimate "public interest" in the hands of a company owned by Mitch Garret is to not understand the meaning of independent third party.

**Radioactive Materials Management- Document 25**

32. **Lack of Clarification on “Black Shale” subject to sampling** - As stated in the previous comments under Document 11, the Wellsite Safety Plan, the phrase “black shale” is not defined in the regulations and the extent of sampling thereof is uncertain. Please confirm what geologic formations you consider to be in the “black shale” that will be tested pursuant to this requirement.

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**Bond- Document 27**

**Insufficient bond** - The bond amount identified in the application is in the amount of $50,000 which is the amount for a single well, not a blanket bond. In the approximate center of the bond is a box captioned with: “ONLY COMPLETE IF BOND IS FOR INDIVIDUAL WELL OR PERMIT.” The information to be entered in this box for an individual well gives locational and identifying information for the well covered, but the Applicant fails to provide any of that information. The Applicant must either provide a new Bond with this information or provide an explanation for why the Bond is incomplete and does not identify the well addressed in the Application.
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Regarding: HVHHF #1, White County  
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COMMENTS  
REVIEW NUMBER HVHHF-000001  
Woolsey Operating Company LLC Application for Permit in White County  

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2) Woolsey Operating Co. LLC was involved in a blowout in Wayne County while the company was fracking a well, and two workers were injured. This company should not be allowed to conduct HVHHF operations.  

3) Seven million gallons of fresh, potable water are too much to be used for an oil well.  

4) We are concerned about the loud noise, bright lights, and increased truck traffic that will be created by the operation, especially at night.  

5) The EPA has concluded that oil and gas operations have contaminated water supplies, and the risk of contaminating fresh water outweighs the benefits of production from this well.  

6) DNR regulations require applicants to "submit a radioactive materials management strategy to test for and identify, manage, transport and dispose of any radioactive materials utilized or generated during the course of
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7. The site of the proposed HVHFF operations lies within the Wabash Valley Seismic Zone and is within the impact zone of the New Madrid Fault Zone. (USGS Documentation for the 2014 Update of the United States National Seismic Hazard Maps “2014 Modeling”, ofr 2014-1091, at 6, 36.) For IDNR to allow an HVHFF operation and related wells for the disposal of wastewater in this area increases the risk of earthquakes and subjects local residents to additional risks of pollution and contamination of air, water, and soil. DNR's regulations (62 Ill. Adm. Code Sec. 245.210(d)) require extra precautions to protect the components in the HVHFF operations plans for fluids and flowback, well site safety, containment, and casing and cementing, when the proposed well is within or very near an area identified by U.S. Geological Service models as having a 2% or more probability of exceedance (in 50 years) of peak ground acceleration of 0.4 standard gravity (g) or more. This requirement is based upon a standard used in the 2014 Modeling. The proposed well site was in such an area in the 2008 modeling (USGS Documentation for the 2014 Update of the United States National Seismic Hazard Maps, ofr 2014-1091, at 6) and is within or very close to such an area in the 2014 Modeling (at 6). So Woolsey should be required to comply with the additional requirements set out in Section 245.210(d). In addition, the 2014 Modeling acknowledged that “[s]everal issues still need to be addressed in future versions of the maps,” and the 2014 Modeling gave as an example the following: “[W]e have not finalized a model for the treatment of hazard from earthquakes suspected of being caused by fluid injection (potentially induced earthquakes). This is a very complex problem and alternatives will, most likely, be considered as a series of logic-tree branches in future models. The users of the hazard maps should consider additional hazard from potentially induced events.” A 2016 U.S. Geological Service report takes induced earthquakes into account and appears to have increased the risks in the area including the proposed well site, although the report does not use the 50-year modeling standard but a different 1-year standard instead. 2016 One-Year Seismic Hazard Forecast for the Central and Eastern United States from Induced and Natural Earthquakes “2016 Modeling”, ofr 20161035, at 29. In the vicinity of the proposed well site, the 2016 Modeling also associates numerous earthquakes with wells. 2016 Modeling at 6.

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9. Similarly, because Woolsey's application does not include any indication of how far the subsurface extraction of oil and other materials will extend beyond the horizontal well bore, the application includes no assurance that this proposed operation will respect the ownership rights of those holding the mineral rights on adjoining land. Without the consent of all owners of mineral rights whose minerals could be extracted, Woolsey will commit theft of the minerals.

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Organizer - Frack Free Illinois
TO: Illinois Department Of Natural Resources  
Attention: Oil and Gas Regulatory Staff  
One Natural Resources Way  
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Regarding: HVHHF #1, White County  
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COMMENTS  
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Stating the deficiencies with greater particularity:

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Thus, at least without citations, the assurance that “appropriate” NRC requirements shall be followed, would appear to be meaningless.

In sum, neither the Radioactive Materials Management Plan nor the Site Safety & Health Plan provides any specific details regarding how radioactive materials above normal background levels—or above any level—will be managed, transported or disposed of any differently than any other materials. The application cannot possibly be deemed to be in compliance with § 245.210 (b)(7) and the public has no basis for concluding that public and environmental health will be adequately safeguarded if this permit is approved. Considering the disastrous consequences that have befallen the state of North Dakota, for example, as a consequence of poor regulation of radioactive wastewater, it would be unconscionable to grant a permit to Woolsey based on this application. (See, e.g., https://www.desmogblog.com/2016/05/08/duke-university-study-finds-legacy-radioactivity-water-and-soil-contaminated-thousands-fracking-wastewater-spills.)

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Jun 16, 2017

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Mrs. Deb Christensen
Re: HVHHF-000001

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Do not pointing our water. Any attempt to f Rank will,only poison our waters?

Do not sacrifice the health of Illinoisans and our natural resources for a toxic industry. Please deny the Woolsey Operating Company fracked well permit.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Grace Chun
Brown, Ronda

From: Grace Chun <automail@knowwho.com>  Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 2:49 PM
To: DNR.HFPublicComments
Subject: [External] Review Number HVHHF-000001

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Ms. Nancy Churchill
Jun 17, 2017

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