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Good Morning, My name is Jeff Locker and I am a severely impacted landowner in the Pavillion Wyoming Natural Gas Field

We've been impacted since the middle 1990s when our water became foul in taste, smell and color (black). Since this time we have been surrounded by gas wells and compressor stations. Fifteen of these wells are within less than a quarter of a mile of our house with the nearest being less than 400 ft away. We have a contaminated pit under the VRP of the Wyoming DEQ, we are told to vent our well house and bathroom because of methane and yet our biggest concern is the impact it is having on our health. We do not even know if it is safe to live in our home and on our property anymore, but because of the impact on the land values now our option of leaving here is very limited. Our quality of life and the way we live have been drastically altered.

We were in contact with both the industry and the State of Wyoming when we were first impacted. It was after this that Tom Brown Inc. (who owned the field at this time) started an appeasing investigation. They brought in a geologist who told us how deep our well was, how deep my neighbors wells were, and that the new well I drilled was co-mingling with my original well at depths of 460'-600' respectively.

The State of Wyoming politely returned my calls, but never once came out to see our problems. And it was a serious problem with four of the wells physically impacting our water during the drilling and fracking process. We felt very betrayed and let down by the State and felt we had run ourselves into a brick wall.

After visiting with EPA and learning they would initiate a groundwater study, we were given new hope because by that time several of our neighbors were also impacted. My wife and I knew the source, but lacked scientific data to prove it (due to we have to prove they did it and they don't have to prove they didn't). As the investigation moved along and other possible sources were removed from the equation such as agricultural chemicals, septic systems, etc. the direction was pointing back to industry just as we knew from the start was obvious. We had been impacted by drilling and fracking.

EPA's investigation was very thorough and professional. Their people were always polite and courteous. One of the monitoring wells is right behind our house and I was able to observe on a daily basis their drilling and testing methods. These monitoring wells took several months to complete and their work was completely transparent for others to observe as well. They held public meeting to discuss the drilling and testing protocol.

Once again our frustration with the State of Wyoming comes into play. They seem to be representing the industry and trying to find fault with the drilling methodology. They could have had their own quality control on board at any time. I've had samples drawn by both industry and EPA and the quality of sampling is not even

comparable. Yet Encana finds fault with EPA samples while expecting me to accept their inferior sampling methods. I'm all for sampling because we have a serious problem here. My family and neighbors have lived with this for several years and are very concerned as the project continues to be drawn out by industry and the State of Wyoming.

To put it simply, we feel we now have the scientific data to back up our physical data. I have to wonder what these samples would have shown 8-10 years ago when the fracking was still going on. They have not fracked and drilled in the same area in the last 7-8 years. In that time we have pumped millions of gallons of water out of my well – yet we're still seeing contaminations with synthetic chemicals.