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To whom it may concern:

Issue:

The whole “Proposed Draft Regulations Addressing Hydraulic Fracturing and Additional Clarifying Amendments” appears to be based on the principle of mitigation — how to mitigate spills; how to mitigate health effects; how to mitigate infrastructure degradation; how to mitigate leaks; how to mitigate accidents.

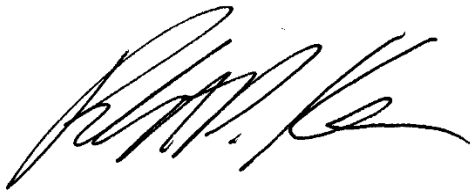
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For example, suppose that the industry were successful at “mitigating” toxins in our environment that cause health problems. What, ultimately, does that mean? Suppose that they reduced the potential cases of cancer from 10,000 to 1,000? If this were indeed the case, and judging by the numbers, one may conclude that the industry were successful in its mission of “mitigation.” However, this then implies that while saving 9,000 people, they sacrificed 1,000 people doing so. Mitigation means that SOME people will still get poisoned and die. How is that acceptable?

Recommendation:

Until this process can be proven safe, it cannot be allowed to proceed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Krause', written in a cursive style.