

1 everything that we do. Driving to
2 work, walking down the street. But,
3 if the regulations are put in place to
4 mitigate that risk, I feel that it is
5 worthwhile. Thank you.

6 HEARING OFFICER:

7 Thank you sir.

8 Larry Ruger, please?

9 MR. RUGER:

10 My name is Larry Ruger,
11 and I'm a resident of Wayne County.
12 And I also have the distinction of
13 being able to teach at Suny Sullivan
14 Community College which is on the
15 other side of the Delaware, and I
16 teach renewable energy classes and I
17 talk about energy every day.

18 So this has some
19 personal effect because I also have a
20 farm that has gas wells underneath. I
21 want to remind the Commission I
22 support the Commission. My family and
23 I support the Commission in stopping
24 the fracking. And I would remind the
25 Commission of the Department of Health

1 --- the New York State Department of
2 Health 2014 high-volume fracturing.

3 High-Volume hydraulic
4 fracturing and some of the major
5 findings of that study was the air
6 impacts affect respiratory health,
7 climate change impact due to methane,
8 drinking water impacts from
9 underground migration, surface water
10 contamination, and every day in class
11 I also talk about how hydro fracturing
12 can bring up earthquakes.

13 And we don't always know
14 what those effects are going to be.
15 But, I'd also like to remind you that
16 as a person that will inherit a farm
17 that has gas wells already on them, my
18 family is not seeing any economic
19 benefit from those wells.

20 And to that extent, that
21 hunting land and the history --- I've
22 heard people speak of the history of
23 the land that they're on. My family
24 has been on it since like 1890 and
25 it's not like it used to be. And it's

1 not really a piece of land that I want
2 to inherit. So I'd like to leave the
3 Commission with that thought and thank
4 you for your time.

5 HEARING OFFICER:

6 Thank you, sir.

7 James Spencer, please?

8 Okay.

9 Mr. Spencer, good
10 evening.

11 MR. SPENCER:

12 I'm James Spencer, and I
13 own some land. But now the thing that
14 I see with the wells is there's no
15 such thing as a safe well. If you
16 have 200 chemicals that are being used
17 or not this is a very serious thing.

18 That one gentleman said
19 one part per billion. I just came
20 from Geisinger about three hours ago.
21 The doctor, I learned a little bit
22 about fracking from him. He's very
23 upset. He says they study different
24 parts of the country, cancer rates are
25 going up, you have alleged tolling of