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Wyoming Ruling to Disclose Fracing Chemicals Puts People Before Secrecy

LANDER, WY –The Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission today voted unanimously to require drilling companies to disclose the chemicals that they are injecting underground to stimulate oil and gas wells. This disclosure is critically important to human health and safety because of the possibility of these chemicals ending up in groundwater used by humans for drinking and bathing, and because of the risk of exposure to these chemicals by accidents or spills. Over 340 different chemicals can be used in hydraulic fracturing (“fracing”) fluids, many of which are harmful to humans, and even cancer-causing. In light of today’s ruling Dan Heilig, Wyoming staff attorney for Western Resource Advocates made the following statement:

“This ruling was the right thing to do. One look at the Gulf of Mexico is proof that things don’t always turn out the way drilling companies expect. People should be able to find out what chemicals they may have come in contact with, and emergency room doctors need this information in order to treat their patients and protect their staff.”

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