



*Dedicated to protecting our nation's ground water.*

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## GWPC and Hydraulic Fracturing

Recently, a film called *Gasland* premiered on HBO. The film stated that the Ground Water Protection Council refused an interview with the filmmaker regarding the practice known as "hydraulic fracturing". This statement by the filmmakers was inaccurate. To our knowledge, no one representing the production company approached us for comment on this subject. Consequently, we were surprised to hear our name listed as refusing an interview with the film's creator Mr. Fox. Had Mr. Fox or his representatives contacted us, we would have been receptive to discussing this issue as we have on numerous occasions when contacted by media outlets such as ProPublica, the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal.

The GWPC is a 501 c(6) nonprofit organization. Our members are state environmental and resource protection regulatory agencies. We serve the states in areas of technology transfer, policy analysis, peer-to-peer support, and special projects that support the work of our state agency members. Because our members represent a variety of state agencies, we work closely with our state members before taking public stances for or against any specific type of technology or practice. We support the effective regulation of all practices that have the potential to contaminate ground water and we actively work to promote cooperation between state and federal government agencies to evaluate such practices.

We support the positions of our states on hydraulic fracturing as represented by former GWPC President Scott Kell before the House Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on June 4, 2009. The full text of his testimony is available through the GWPC website at:

[www.gwpc.org/e-library/documents/general/KellHouseTestimony6-4-2009.pdf](http://www.gwpc.org/e-library/documents/general/KellHouseTestimony6-4-2009.pdf)

If you have any further questions regarding the GWPC, you can find out more about us, our positions, and the role we serve by reviewing the Ground Water Report to the Nation online at [www.gwpc.org/calltoaction](http://www.gwpc.org/calltoaction).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Paque". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Mike Paque  
GWPC Executive Director