

Science Advisory Board questions EPA hydraulic fracturing report

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A study released by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in June 2015 reports that hydraulic fracturing does not cause “widespread, systemic impacts on drinking water resources in the United States.” In response to the study, the agency’s Science Advisory Board (SAB), which provides independent scientific advice to the EPA, has submitted a critical draft letter expressing their concerns with the report’s findings.

Industry is defending the agency’s abovementioned statement, while the SAB and green groups are criticizing it, claiming that the statement is ambiguous and does not reflect the uncertainties and limitations within the report. The agency is holding public comment sessions via teleconference on February 1 and 2 to discuss the report. For more information, please visit the SAB website .

Sources: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), EPA Science Advisory Board Draft Report, E&E News
