

Sirs: There is nothing positive about fracking. No jobs, because the industry brings in their experienced frackers, farmers do not do this type of work; no tourism, because they will turn our gorgeous landscape into an industrial wasteland; complete devastation of our fisheries, farms, wineries, flora and fauna. Sirs, nothing can live on poisoned fracked water; illnesses have been proven to occur; animals have been shown to die; the fracking fluid that travels to our rivers and aquifers is poisoned beyond any filtering; the air is polluted due to the fracked water that is left to evaporate on the sites; earthquakes have been reported due to the forceful injection of fluids; leaks have occurred and blowouts have demolished homes and killed people, and so many other devastating results that have been reported in the news media with visuals to prove it is not made up like the gas industry wants people to believe. It is unfathomable that how the government responds to this corporate greed is by giving the industry subsidies, and free them from the clean air and water act and superfund law that all other industries large and small have to abide by. Allowing the gas industry to fool and take advantage of our fellow citizens by issuing deceitful leases to their property, which is left with no future value is a travesty. But you know all this; we just have to repeat it again and again to clear our conscience by trying to make a better world for our children. How do you clear yours?

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