

Comment from Kelly Brown

Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 5:18 PM
To: Richardson, William
Subject: Public Comment for the West Virginia 303(d) List

Dear Mr. Richardson,

A friend of mine told me about the West Virginia 303(d) List and the opportunity to comment on it. I'm a resident of WV.

For some reason, there seems to be a lot of adults and children in my area that have very serious health problems, especially kidney, liver and cancer. It is absolutely shocking how many people in my community are on kidney dialysis. Dozens of parents are worried that it has anything to do with our drinking water supply.

I browsed the 2012 Draft West Virginia Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report on the WVDEP website looking for Wolfe Creek to be listed on it under the Lower New Watershed section, but I did not see Wolfe Creek listed. I believe that Wolfe Creek should be included on the 303(d) List, because it has incredibly high levels of dangerous contaminants in it. A few of the main contaminants that show up at extremely high levels include: Chloride, Barium, Glycol, Iron, Lead, Manganese and TDS.

Wolfe Creek leads directly to the New River - only a few miles from Wolfe Creek. One of our primary concerns about Wolfe Creek is that it served as our only drinking water supply up til the fall of 2008. From what I have been told, Wolfe Creek now serves as our emergency drinking water supply, mainly during summer months. Some of the contamination in Wolfe Creek is believed to be from acid mine drainage, but some of the toxic chemicals are believed to be coming from the Class II Injection Wells and Sediment Pits located at the head of Wolfe Creek. The sediment pits are used for the disposal of Hydraulic Fracking wastewater and have a long history of overflowing and leaking into the adjacent stream, Wolfe Creek.

Several concerned citizens and physicians have written letters to the WVDEP, Office of Oil and Gas, regarding this problem over the past 5 years. A group of health care professionals put together a temporary website, www.DirtyWaterWV.com, that shows photos of the Lochgelly Injection well site. You can view photos of the sediment pits and the area where they appear to be leaking by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.dirtywaterwv.com/Evidence-of-Air-and-Water-Pollution.asp>

Please read the 2 comment letters that were sent to WVDEP OOG in March, by clicking on the links below. One was written by an attorney at the NRDC regarding this issue. The NRDC believes that the WVDEP, OOG has turned a blind eye to a "flagrant violator", Danny Webb Construction, who operates the injection wells and sediment ponds. The other letter was written by the Plateau Action Network (PAN).

[http://www.dirtywaterwv.com/NRDC%20&%20WVSORO%20UIC2D0190460%20Comment%20Letter%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.dirtywaterwv.com/NRDC%20&%20WVSORO%20UIC2D0190460%20Comment%20Letter%20(1).pdf)

<http://www.dirtywaterwv.com/PAN%20public%20comment%20-%20UIC2D0190460%20renewal%20-%203-11-13.pdf>

I believe that Wolfe Creek should be added as an impaired stream on the West Virginia 303(d) List.

I also believe that the EPA should do more to protect the citizens of West Virginia from dangerous air and water pollution.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kelly Brown