'Gasland" is worth seeing

trib.com

'Gasland" is worth seeing

Posted: Friday, April 8, 2011 12:00 am

Editor:

Having read several letters from oil and gas men in the paper, I decided to check out the film "Gasland" being shown on the University of Wyoming campus. The letters claimed the film was inaccurate, so I tried to find the parts that were wrong.

Was it untrue the part about several families that could light their tap water on fire? The energy companies are now supplying them with trucked-in water. Why would they do this if there wasn't a problem?

The film pointed out that gas drilling and production produces pollution. A member of the audience pointed out that a daily check of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration website verifies this. I checked, and today there is an ozone alert.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 exempts oil and gas drilling from regulation by the EPA. It still does. This is not false either.

I recommend seeing the film with a critical eye. Do not be frightened by those who fear oversight.

1 of 1 5/16/2011 9:52 AM