



**Powder River Basin Resource Council  
Pavillion Area Concerned Citizens**

**NEWS STATEMENT**

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**Local residents ask that peer review of EPA Pavillion Groundwater Contamination  
Draft Report move forward.**

Pavillion, Wyoming – Wyoming concerned citizens ask that while the public comment period for the Environmental Protection Agency’s draft report on the investigation of groundwater contamination near Pavillion, Wyoming continues, the agency move forward with peer review of the report.

John Fenton Pavillion area rancher, Chair of Pavillion Area Concerned Citizens and Powder River Basin Resource Council Chair says, “We are very disappointed that peer review of the EPA Pavillion Groundwater Contamination Draft Report may not be moving forward. EPA Region 8 has produced a concise report using sound scientific sampling protocols and procedures. Contamination has been confirmed by further state and federal agencies sampling events.” Fenton continues “It appears that decisions being made by EPA’s upper levels of management are not supporting the region 8 study or the people living in the area of investigation, but instead are giving the fossil fuels industry more time to promote industry’s best interests. While the peer review is delayed, we continue to suffer the effects of living in a contaminated environment. Putting our families’ health at risk to allow industry more time for delay is unacceptable.”

Pavillion Area Concerned Citizens and Powder River Basin Resource Council have long fought to require the regulation of fracking and full and public disclosure of the chemicals used in drilling operations.

**For more information:**

EPA draft study link <http://www.epa.gov/region8/superfund/wy/pavillion/>

PRBRC Website [www.powderriverbasin.org/](http://www.powderriverbasin.org/)

PACC Web page <http://powderriverbasin.org/pavillion-area-concerned-citizens/>