NC's Fracking Rules Are Necessary: Talking Points for Your Comment

NC's fracking rules (known as 15A NCAC 05H rules) are under review. The first step in the review is determining if they are "necessary or unnecessary" for protecting health, safety & the environment.

Comment to let the commissioners know that ALL of the rules are necessary, here are some of the key areas that are not only necessary, but need to strengthening:

- Public notice must be added and/or strengthened in sections: .300 , variances, .700, Hearings for drilling units, .800, local ordinances, and .2000, environmental testing. Communities should receive public notice and have opportunities to participate in hearings about drilling projects and decisions that could impact them.

- The current financial bonding requirements are inadequate to cover the cost of abandoned wells, and must be updated to reflect the real cost today. $5,000 + $1 for every linear foot of the well is not enough.

- 650ft setbacks are not enough to protect residents from risks like leukemia & other cancers associated with fracking. Setbacks should be, at least 1500ft, if not more.

- Testing & chemical disclosure
    - All pre- and post drilling analyses must include all of the substances specified in section .1800, AND any other substances identified as components of injected frack fluids not already listed.
    - Reporting of well test results must be available to the DEQ, well owner and public health officials within 15 calendar days instead of 30 to assure prompt response to any public health threats of well contamination.

Here's how to submit your comment: Comment by Nov 9!

1.) Email: OilandGas@deq.nc.gov

2.) Put this in the subject line (so they know which rules you are commenting on): 15A NCAC 05H

3.) In your comment, say that all the fracking rules are necessary!

4.) Add why you **personally care about this & send!**