

# Anti-Fracking Activists Have a Bad Day in the Press – for Once



“Today EPA confirmed what communities living with fracking have known for years, fracking pollutes drinking water.” – **Lauren Page**, Policy Director, Earthworks (6/4)

“Today’s EPA fracking water contamination study confirms what both the oil and gas industry and the Obama administration have long denied – that fracking poisons American’s drinking water supplies.”  
– **Mark Ruffalo**, advisory board member, Americans Against Fracking (6/4)

“Sadly, the EPA study released today falls far short of the level of scrutiny and government oversight needed ...’ This reveals the undue influence the industry has over the government and shows that the industry is afraid to allow careful monitoring of their operations.” – **Wenonah Hauter**, Executive Director, Food & Water Watch (6/4)

“The EPA found disturbing evidence of fracking polluting our water despite not looking very hard. This study was hobbled by the oil industry’s refusal to provide key data.”  
– **Kassie Siegel**, senior counsel, Center for Biological Diversity (6/4)

“After today’s fracking headline spin - it is clear that EPA is a political agency not a scientific one.” – **Josh Fox**, Director of Gasland (6/4)

“Unfortunately, the EPA chose to leave many critical questions unanswered.” EPA “must conduct a comprehensive study that results in action to protect public health.” – **Michael Brune**, Executive Director, Sierra Club (6/4)

“We did not find evidence that these mechanisms have led to widespread, systemic impacts on drinking water resources in the United States.”

– **Dr. Thomas A. Burke**, EPA’s Science Advisor and Deputy Assistant Administrator of EPA’s Office of Research and Development (6/4)

“Thomas Burke, EPA’s deputy assistant administrator for research and development, denied charges by multiple green groups that drillers had deliberately stymied the study by withholding key data.” – Politico (6/4)

“Burke added that the EPA had a ‘**generally very cooperative relationship**’ with the industry, which he said was a ‘**major source of information**.’” – National Journal (6/4)

“It is the most complete compilation of scientific data to date, including over 950 sources of information, published papers, numerous technical reports, information from stakeholders and peer-reviewed EPA scientific reports.”

– **Dr. Thomas A. Burke**, EPA’s Science Advisor and Deputy Assistant Administrator of EPA’s Office of Research and Development (6/4)

## FORTUNATELY MOST NEWS OUTLETS STUCK TO THE FACTS:

**POLITICO**

### **EPA FINDS NO 'WIDESPREAD' WATER POLLUTION FROM FRACKING**

"A long-awaited Environmental Protection Agency report released Thursday found no signs of "widespread, systemic" drinking-water pollution caused by fracking — a conclusion that offers a victory to the oil and gas industry and a major blow to a wave of grass-roots anti-drilling movements sprouting across the country." — [Politico](#)

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### **ENVIROS CONFLICTED AFTER STUDY FINDS CONTAMINATION IS NOT WIDESPREAD**

"Environmentalists are conflicted in the wake of the Obama administration's release yesterday of a years-in-the-making study of hydraulic fracturing's impacts on water. While the draft report from U.S. EPA finds that fracking has contaminated drinking water in specific instances, it concludes that the controversial oil and gas production process has not caused widespread, systemic impacts." — [E&E News, sub. req'd.](#)

**AP**

### **EPA: NO WIDESPREAD HARM TO DRINKING WATER FROM FRACKING**

"Hydraulic fracturing to drill for oil and natural gas has not caused widespread harm to drinking water in the United States, the Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday in a report that also warned of potential contamination of water supplies if safeguards are not maintained." — [Associated Press](#)

 **REUTERS**

### **FRACKING POSES LITTLE RISK TO DRINKING WATER, U.S. EPA FINDS**

"Fracking has not led to widespread, systematic pollution of drinking water, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will say on Thursday in a long-awaited study, sources who have seen the assessment said." — [Reuters](#)

**WSJ**

### **FRACKING HAS HAD NO 'WIDESPREAD' IMPACT ON DRINKING WATER, EPA FINDS**

"Fracking isn't causing widespread damage to the nation's drinking water, the Obama administration said in a long-awaited report released Thursday." — [Wall Street Journal](#)

 **CNBC**

### **EPA SAYS NO EVIDENCE THAT FRACKING HAS 'WIDESPREAD' IMPACT ON DRINKING WATER**

"The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said in a Thursday report that it found no evidence fracking has a "widespread" impact on drinking water." — [CNBC](#)

**TIME**

### **FEDS SAY FRACKING HAS LITTLE IMPACT ON U.S. DRINKING WATER**

"The controversial oil and gas extraction technique of hydraulic fracturing — commonly known as "fracking"— has no "widespread" impact on American drinking water, according to a new report released by the Environmental Protection Agency." — [Time Magazine](#)

## FORTUNATELY MOST NEWS OUTLETS STUCK TO THE FACTS (CONT'D):



### **EPA: FRACKING HAS NO BROAD IMPACT ON DRINKING WATER**

"A controversial method for extracting oil and gas resources from the environment does not have a broad impact on drinking water, according to a report released Thursday by the Environmental Protection Agency." – [USA Today](#)



### **EPA FINDS NO WIDESPREAD IMPACT ON DRINKING WATER FROM FRACKING**

"There is no evidence that "fracking", the technique used to produce shale oil and gas, has caused "widespread" pollution of drinking water in the US, the country's environmental regulator has concluded." – [Financial Times](#)



### **EPA: FRACKING NOT CAUSING MAJOR HARM TO DRINKING WATER**

"Hydraulic fracturing has not caused any major harm to drinking water supplies, the Environmental Protection Agency concluded Thursday." – [The Hill](#)



### **EPA STUDY OF FRACKING FINDS 'NO WIDESPREAD, SYSTEMIC' POLLUTION**

"Hydraulic fracturing has contaminated some drinking wells but the impact is not widespread, according to a landmark U.S. study of water pollution risks that has both foes and supporters of the drilling method declaring victory." – [Bloomberg](#)



### **EPA FINDS SOME CASES OF WATER CONTAMINATION RELATED TO FRACKING, BUT SAYS IT'S NOT WIDESPREAD**

"The Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday released a much-anticipated study of whether hydraulic fracturing contaminates drinking water supplies, concluding that while there have been some cases of contamination, the issue is not widespread." – [Huffington Post](#)



### **EPA: FRACKING DOESN'T POSE "WIDESPREAD, SYSTEMIC" DANGER TO DRINKING WATER**

"The Environmental Protection Agency today released a long-awaited draft report on the impact of fracking on drinking water supplies. The analysis, which drew on peer-reviewed studies as well as state and federal databases, found that activities associated with fracking do "have the potential to impact drinking water resources." But it concluded that in the United States, these impacts have been few and far between." – [Mother Jones](#)



### **THE EPA JUST RELEASED A LONG-AWAITED STUDY ON WHETHER FRACKING CAUSES WATER POLLUTION**

"Today, the Environmental Protection Agency released a draft assessment of its long-awaited study on the impact of hydraulic fracturing — also known as fracking — on drinking water resources in the United States. The report found that although fracking has, to date, been carried out in a way that has not led to widespread and systematic impacts on the country's drinking water, the process creates several key vulnerabilities that could potentially undermine the health of drinking water in the United States." – [ThinkProgress](#)