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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I submit that the right to drink water without being made sick is a basic human right. Sadly in much of the world overpopulation, low rainfall and pollution combine to deny people that basic right. Even so that is no reason to take away that basic right from those who already have it - but that is precisely what gas drilling does.

In the American film *Gasland*, gas drilling executives admitted this when questioned under oath. They admitted unambiguously that they used sulphuric acid, arsenic and many chemicals which are listed as ~~the~~ carcinogenics and deleterious.

Why? Because alternative forms of energy are more expensive to develop or do not yield such massive profits?

Sick people, polluted air, wrecked pastures and crops, crashing land values for homes, climate change and a failure to develop more alternative forms of energy are the effects of gas/coal mining. Why don't we learn from the American horror?