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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I feel despair and dismay at the rapid proliferation of coal seam gas wells and infrastructure throughout our country. This technology has the potential to poison our aquifers not just for the brief duration of mining operations but for possibly thousands of years. The holding ponds of "produced water" containing the fracking chemicals will evaporate who knows what substances into our air leaving toxic sludge which must be disposed of somehow. Any leaking methane annuls the "clean"ness of the gas as a fuel. Prime agricultural land should not be mined - EVER!