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Joe Martens, Commissioner
NYSDEC
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233

RE: HYDROFRACKING WHITE PAPERS FROM NYWEA

Dear Commissioner Martens,

On behalf of the New York Water Environment Association, Inc., it gives me great pleasure to transmit to you the official "white papers" on hydrofracking that were developed by NYWEA's Hydrofracking Steering Committee (as sub-group of the Government Affairs Committee). The volunteers serving on the steering committee come from Academia, consulting firms, a law firm, U.S. Geological Survey, Suffolk County, Westchester County, NYC DEP Bureau of Water Supply, as well as others. The steering committee has been hard at work for nearly one year now.

The Board of Directors has approved the three "white papers" covering the following aspects of hydrofracking:

- Protection of Surface Waters
- Overview and Technical Recommendations concerning use of Wastewater Effluent for Hydrofracturing
- Evaluating Acceptability of Gas Well Development and Production - treating related wastewater treatment

We are also enclosing a copy of the Winter 2010 issue of Clear Waters magazine that was devoted to the topic of Hydrofracking. As you may know, Joe DiMura serves as the NYSDEC Liaison on the NYWEA Board of Directors, and in that capacity, has been aware of NYWEA's work on this topic.

Congratulations on your appointment as Commissioner, we look forward to working with you to safeguard water quality and the environment in general.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Patricia Cerro-Reehil at the number above or myself at 718-675-9947.

Sincerely,

Anthony Della Valle, P.E., BCEE
President