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Mr. Wright. Please distribute to Members of the Expert Panel. Thank you. Sincerely,
Will Koop.

B.C. Tap Water Alliance Press Release, June 16, 2013 (English and French)

Contamination of North America's Groundwater from Fracking (Hydraulic Fracturing) Revealed in a New Case History Catalogue - <http://www.bctwa.org/FrkBC-PrRel-June16-2013-NewCatalogue.pdf>

(*Stop Fracking British Columbia* - <http://www.bctwa.org/FrackingBC.html>)

Vancouver, BC – Alberta-based environmental consultant Jessica Ernst just released the first comprehensive catalogue and summary compendium of facts related to the contamination of North America's ground water sources resulting from the oil and gas industry's controversial practice of hydraulic fracturing (fracking).

Based on research collected over many years, the 93-page report, *Brief Review of Threats to Groundwater from the Oil and Gas Industry's Methane Migration and Hydraulic Fracturing*, looks to be a game-changer document, providing little 'wriggle room' for private industry and government spokespeople advocating fracking's immunity from public concern, criticism and liability.

Ever since the pioneering days of Coalbed Methane fracking experiments in southeast and southwest United States in the late 1970s, and through subsequent and evolving grandiose technical stages of widespread experimenting with fracking in the United States and Canada, the deep-pocketed inter-corporate industry has consistently fought and influenced both government and citizenry by burying the truth about its cumulative impacts to the environment and human health through confidentiality agreements, threats, half-truths, and deceptions. This catalogue, devoted primarily to the theme of groundwater impacts, helps to shine the light upon a behemoth circus of utter pitch black darkness.

"Jessica Ernst has made a strong case," notes Will Koop, B.C. Tap Water Alliance Coordinator. "Her collection provides excellent and technically friendly working tools, enabling the public to draw their own conclusions from the critical information. This is not just an invaluable document for North Americans, but for the world."

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For Website Links to Ernst's Document Catalogue:

<http://www.ernstversusencana.ca/links-resources>

<http://www.frackingcanada.ca/industry-gas-migration/>

<http://lesamisdurichelieu.blogspot.ca/2013/06/fracturation-hydraulique-expose-de.html>