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Dakota Resource Council Issue Statement on HB 1216

DRC addresses issues on hydraulic fracturing

Dickinson--- Dakota Resource Council released a statement today on North Dakota House Bill 1216, a bill that provides that hydraulic fracturing is an acceptable recovery process in North Dakota.

Dakota Resource Council stands by its previous statements, maintaining that the constituents of hydraulic fracturing fluid should be disclosed in the name of public and agricultural health. HB 1216 simply states the obvious. Hydraulic fracturing (fracking) has been used as a recovery process for years because state agencies already hold that it's an acceptable practice. However, because authoritative studies based on scientific evidence have not conclusively ruled on the hazards of hydraulic fracturing, deeming fracking "acceptable" does not mean that potentially hazardous chemicals in hydraulic fracturing fluid should not be disclosed.

Dakota Resource Council Dakota Resource Council is a nonprofit, grassroots activist organization. The mission of DRC is to form enduring, democratic local groups that empower people to influence decision-making processes that affect their lives. DRC works to protect North Dakota's land, air, water, rural communities and agricultural economy.

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