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Hon Justice Rachel Pepper
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Dear Chair

Thank you for your letter of 28 April 2017, following Halliburton's letter to you of 25 April 2017, following up our presentation to the Inquiry of 10 March 2017.

Since your letter, Halliburton has lodged a comprehensive submission with the Inquiry dated 4 May 2017. In that submission, the company has provided detailed information on a number of the issues being investigated by the Inquiry, including some aspects of water usage and disposal. This includes reference to a range of scientific and technical studies conducted in the U.S. and elsewhere.

A number of the water-related issues raised in your letter of 28 April are most appropriately answered by operators, including water access, waste water production and re-use, rather than Halliburton as a service provider.

Halliburton also directs the Inquiry's attention to a recent study led by scientists from Duke University, published in 'Geochemica et Cosmochimica Acta' (Volume 2018, 1 July 2017, pages 302-334). In short, this study finds that fracking has not contaminated groundwater in northwestern West Virginia, but accidental spills of fracking wastewater may pose a threat to surface water in the region. The study can be found at: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0016703717302004>

I trust that this information is of assistance to the Inquiry.

Yours sincerely



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