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Subject:Re: Your September 4th email

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Landowner P/O SE13-27-22-W4M

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your email in red dated September 7, 2006 (included below for your convenience).

Your email came without the required scientific evidence, published in peer reviewed journals, to prove that EnCana's many new drilling, recompleting, perforating, fracturing and commingling activities of gas wells in Sections 14 and 13 have not and will not, in any way, alter conditions vital to the investigation of natural gas migration into area groundwater and water wells. Evidence did not arrive on September 8, 2006 either, thus it appears EnCana and the regulators have none. On Saturday, September 9, 2006, frac trucks were back.

An honest, accurate investigation here seems to have vanished from sight.

Why, of the many sections in Alberta that EnCana has mineral rights in, is EnCana so busy in or near the very section where, in 2004, the company perforated and fractured into fresh water aquifers? Is EnCana busy commingling these gas wells (that are likely critical to this investigation) to ensure that accurate isotopic fingerprinting of gases sampled from them will be impossible? Is it duly diligent for a company to alter conditions of its gas wells during a serious groundwater contamination investigation? What if the Alberta Research Council needs to collect its own gas samples from area gas and water wells to send to the U of A for isotopic analysis, but finds that all the critical gas wells have been commingled?

It was recently reported in the Strathmore paper, that EnCana had offered to Wheatland County to collect "baseline data" on the hamlet of Rosebud water wells. Please explain EnCana's scientific reasoning for collecting "baseline data" years after perforating and fracturing into fresh water aquifers and drilling so many gas wells in the area.

Would you please advise me when EnCana is going to send the signed letter assuring that EnCana is willing to fully cooperate in a scientifically complete, and honest investigation here, without potential tampering of evidence (see below for more details). There remains a contradiction between what your emails say, and what Mr. Cam Kline stated in public. What you emailed me in red, is not what I asked for. Mr. Leo Touchette of the AEUB ordered me to never believe any promises or assurances any petroleum company makes me, unless they are obtained in writing on paper with a signature and written precisely as required to be able to hold the company accountable in the event the the company breaks a promise or if it is proven that the company's assurances turn out to untrue or unfounded.

I have included my email to you dated Sept. 4, 2006 below. In it I underlined my questions you did not answer and my requests and concerns that you did not respond to.

I have a few questions about your request that you sent to me in an email dated August 29, 2006 (for your convenience, I also included it below). In order for me to respond to EnCana's request, I need appropriate response and documentation from EnCana in a timely manner please. After I have received the information I respectfully requested of EnCana, and have had time to review it, I will be able to respond responsibly.

Please answer these additional questions below, as well as my past questions, on paper, with a signature and EnCana letter head. Thank you. My questions are as listed:

Re – EnCana's recompletion of the 7-13-27-22-W4M gas well and surveying and testing of my water well

What depths will EnCana be perforating and fracturing at?

Will EnCana provide gas samples for composition and isotopic fingerprinting before commingling the 7-13 gas well?

Will EnCana allow me to choose the consultants to test my well? If yes, thank you; if not, why not?

When does EnCana anticipate doing the perforating and fracturing?

Will EnCana wait until after the natural gas contamination investigation is complete? If yes, thank you, if no, why not?

Will EnCana send me EnCana's gas sampling protocol (including safety requirements) for testing water wells contaminated with natural gas?

Will EnCana also send me EnCana's third party consultant's natural gas sampling protocol (including safety requirements) for testing water wells contaminated with natural gas?

Will EnCana send me the company's safety protocol for surveying property that might have natural gas migrating to surface, and in the water well to be surveyed?

Will EnCana send me a letter from Occupational Health and Safety, approving EnCana's safety protocol for surveying and testing my water well?

Will EnCana assume legal responsibility in the event of a fire, explosion, injury or fatality during the surveying and testing of my well?

Who will complete the survey and will I get a copy of the survey when it is complete?

Would you please send me the survey company's contact information so that I may discuss the details of the survey with them and their safety protocol?

<>When will the new and recompleted gas wells in Sections 13 and 14 be tested? Will any venting take place? How much? How long will each of the new gas wells be tested for? How will EnCana deal with the extensive noise that this cumulative testing will cause at my property? Will all the gas wells be tested at the same time? How will EnCana ensure the testing noise does not violate my legal right to quiet enjoyment of my property and home and will not disrupt my sleep?

Is EnCana going to tie in these recompleted and new wells into the K101 compressor? If EnCana ties in these many new wells to the compressors neighbouring my property, how is EnCana going to mitigate the increased K101 compressor noise? Keep in mind that the AEUB acceptable noise levels are only the barest of expected minimums. Due diligence requires that EnCana mitigates affects, and respects my legal rights. Please detail how EnCana plans to respect my legal rights.

Please refer to the underlines in my email included below - these are items you neglected to respond to in your September 7, 2006 email. I respectfully request appropriate response. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jessica Ernst

Taylor, Mark wrote:

Good morning Jessica,

I would like to reiterate that EnCana has cooperated fully with all of the regulatory agencies investigating ground water complaints in the Rosebud area. EnCana supports these investigations 100% and has complied with all requests from the regulators. As such, all of the regulatory agencies have had complete access to EnCana's well files, and to our wells and well sites.

EnCana is not privy to the details or progress of the investigations, and we respectfully request that you contact the regulatory agencies for any information we may have provided as part of the investigation process.

Sincerely,

Mark Taylor

underlined areas require appropriate response and documentation.

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your email dated August 31, 2006.

I am pleased that EnCana is confident that its current activities in section 14 will have no possible affect on the regulator's groundwater contamination investigation here because this must mean that EnCana has the scientific evidence, published in peer reviewed journals, to back up its claim. Please send this scientific evidence to me. You can email the evidence, or send it by post. Thanks Mark. If I do not receive this evidence by Sept 8, 2006 I will have to assume there is none. If you do not have the authority to send this evidence to me, I respectfully ask Mr. Knull, Ms. Yee and Mr. McKee to find someone who does.

It is interesting to read from your words (attached below) that EnCana has been and is cooperating fully in this investigation. Mr. Cam Cline of EnCana stated publicly a few months ago that EnCana does not have to and will not cooperate fully in this investigation. To clarify this confusion, please send me a signed letter from EnCana stating that the company is willing to cooperate fully in this investigation, will allow the regulator to test area gas wells to find the ones that might be leaking gas to surface and thereby possibly into our aquifers, and provide Dr. Muehlenbachs samples from any leaking gas wells, as well as gas samples from all frac depths for all types of gas wells in the area - conventional and non, including the 5-14-27-22-W4M gas well. If EnCana has already provided these samples to the University of Alberta, then just include a list of the legal land descriptions for all the gas wells that EnCana provided gas samples for with your letter. If I do not receive this clarification letter by Sept 8, 2006, it would appear that Mr. Cline stated EnCana's position accurately and that the company is not willing to cooperate fully in this investigation.

Please send me the tower reports for the gas wells drilled in sections 14, 12 and 13, new and old, and a summary of proposed activities in these sections. If EnCana has nothing to hide [about the recompletion of 7-13], EnCana will happily send me this information. Since you say that EnCana tested all the water wells within the testing distance of its drilling operations, please send me the legal land descriptions of the water wells EnCana tested for the re-completion and fracturing of the 8-14 gas well.

Please let me know when I can expect the above requested documentation. Once I have reviewed this documentation, I will be able to get back to you with a response regarding your request to survey in my water well.

One of your statements on August 31 was:

"EnCana is committed to responsible development of Alberta's natural gas resources and takes the protection of groundwater very seriously."

<>In my experience of working in the patch, taking something "very seriously" means always erring on the side of caution, notably if hydrocarbon contamination is involved. <>If EnCana takes groundwater protection "very seriously" why did the company fracture into fresh water aquifers? Why not err on the side of caution and wait until the investigation is over before being active with so many wells near the hamlet water wells, and mine?

The stress of losing one's water is bad enough; to deal with EnCana's busy activities in the middle of an investigation adds undue stress that EnCana could easily have prevented. Why would EnCana not want to prove to us that the company takes ground water protection "very seriously" and show full and open cooperation in this investigation instead of potentially tampering with it?

Sincerely,

Jessica Ernst

Taylor, Mark wrote:

Good afternoon Jessica,

I want to confirm that we received your email of August 30th.

EnCana is aware of ongoing investigations of water wells in the Rosebud area. EnCana has been cooperating fully and regularly with the various agencies that are investigating claims of natural gas contamination and we are confident none of our activities will affect the outcome of these investigations. EnCana is committed to responsible development of Alberta's natural gas resources and takes the protection of groundwater very seriously. Our operating practices are continually reviewed to ensure we do not have a negative impact on groundwater.

The fracturing of the dry Horseshoe Canyon CBM zones to recomplete the existing 8-14-27-22 W4M well occurred as scheduled this morning. As per our operating procedures there were no coal seams shallower than 200m fractured in this well. The fracturing operation involved pumping pure nitrogen into the coal seams. EnCana has completed all of the required water well testing in the vicinity of this well and we are confident that completion of this well will not impact the groundwater in this area. The four wells that EnCana drilled in section 14 last month are targeting conventional sand formations between 1100m and 1400m below ground.

Respectfully yours,

Mark Taylor

-----Original Message-----

From: jessica [<mailto:ernstj@telusplanet.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2006 11:28 AM

To: Taylor, Mark; Knull, Stacy

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Subject: Urgent request

Dear Mark and Stacy,

Thank you for your email Mark. I will get back to you regarding your request soon. I have a request for you both that is much more urgent.

Perhaps EnCana is not aware that there are currently a number of area water wells, including those supplying the hamlet of Rosebud (we are still awaiting the U of A's isotopic fingerprinting results for the hamlet's water supply), under investigation by the regulator for natural gas contamination.

I respectfully request that EnCana postpone the fracturing of its wells that is about to take place in section 14-027-22-W4M (this is the section where EnCana fractured into our aquifers) and in any other sections around the community until after the regulator's investigation is complete here. The drilling, perforating and fracturing of additional wells, including the 07-13 well recompletion you write about below, might alter evidence critical to the regulator's investigation.

Representative and accurate data collection and analysis on water wells here might protect groundwater elsewhere. I am sure that EnCana wants to cooperate with the landowners and regulators in Alberta to protect groundwater and ensure that representative, accurate data is collected. We cannot take back EnCana's unfortunate fracturing into our fresh water aquifers, but we can move forward and learn from it. The Trican trucks are on site in section 14 and appear prepared to fracture today. EnCana agreed not to conduct new activities on one landowner's property here until after the regulator's investigation is complete; it seems inconsistent for EnCana to drill and fracture so many new wells in the very section where the company fractured into our fresh water aquifers in 2004. Please take prompt action to protect the investigation here and our opportunity to learn and move forward cooperatively.

Perhaps the regulators neglected to tell EnCana about the serious, community wide, water well contamination investigation underway here. To verify that this investigation is indeed taking place, please contact our Honourable Minister of Environment. I have cc'd him this email for your convenience. We have requested, in writing, to the regulators that they request a postponement on activities by EnCana in our area, including the wells about to be frac'd, until the investigation is appropriately complete.

Sincerely trusting you will take responsible action to respect and protect the regulator's investigation here, and postpone activities until after the investigation is accurately complete. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Jessica Ernst

Taylor, Mark wrote:

Good afternoon Jessica, my team is currently evaluating the potential of recompleting one of our Viking gas wells (100/07-13-027-22W4) for Horseshoe Canyon CBM. As you are very likely aware the current regulations for water well testing prior to CBM drilling or recompletions calls for testing all water wells with 600m and if there are no water wells within 600m then to test any wells within 800m.

At present we have not identified any water wells within 600m of the 07-13 location. It appears from our County map that your residence/water well may be within 800m of the 07-13 well.

EnCana would like to request your permission to survey the location of your water well to determine its distance from the 07-13 well.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this request please call me at 645-6718.

Thank you for your time,

Mark