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By far the greatest concern the farming community has with fracking is the potential damage to water quality. Farmers rely on clean water to meet stringent food safety guidelines, as well as to provide for their families. Much of the debate over fracking could be avoided if industry would disclose which chemicals were used in the fracking process. In order for a true, science-based approach to be taken to regulate the industry, there must be monitoring of all the chemicals used, before, during and after fracking. Otherwise, any claims about the safety of the process will be groundless. The Hants County Federation of Agriculture therefore urges the Government of Nova Scotia to include disclosure of chemicals used during fracking, both for research and commercial purposes, in the legislation designed to govern this technology. There can be no effective regulation without disclosure.

Thank You.

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