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This letter registers objection to the use of "trade secrecy" as an excuse for failure to make full prior disclosure of chemicals used in "fracking". The exact blends used are probably not such a great mystery to competing oil operators, and the contention that they represent proprietary intellectual knowledge is spurious when one considers that these chemicals are being put into our natural environment without full disclosure. Secondly, any bona fide economic value resides in the relative efficacy of such chemical blends not necessarily in which ones were deployed. Requiring full prior disclosure and permitting for any chemicals used in fracking in no way impinges on any proprietary information regarding relative efficacy of any such chemical blends and even if it did, the hazard to the health of humans, flora and fauna and the purity of the aquifer trumps any of the usual greed factors.

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