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Litigation Snapshot

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) says that it cannot investigate fracking in terms of pollution or environmental damage. The EPA has since proposed new rules to limit the emissions of fracking operations. The Department of the Interior announced proposed new rules to increase oversight of the chemicals used, but only on operations on public and Indian lands, and only after drilling is completed. Several states have filed suit against the DOI contending that the new federal regulations are a burden and violate the Administrative Procedures Act. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has stepped into the ring with concerns over dangerous workplace levels of silica exposure related to fracking operations. The Department of Energy has found that although fracking is connected to earthquakes, it is not a significant danger. At the state level, litigation continues in some jurisdictions where landowners argue they should have the power to pass moratoria banning fracking on land near their homes.

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Federal Fracking Regulations

Judge Enjoins Land Agency From Enacting New Fracking Rules For Federal Lands

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — The federal judge in Wyoming presiding over a lawsuit brought by the State of Wyoming and others against the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with regard to new federal regulations governing hydraulic fracturing on federal lands on Sept. 30 issued a preliminary injunction preventing the BLM from enforcing the final rule (State of Wyoming v. U.S. Department of the Interior, et al., No. 15-00043, D. Wyo.).

North Dakota: Fracking Rule 'Impermissibly Interferes' With Its Water Rights

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — The State of North Dakota on Sept. 18 filed a brief in Wyoming federal court supporting its contention that it should be granted a preliminary injunction preventing the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), a division of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), from implementing new federal regulations for hydraulic fracturing on grounds that there are deficiencies in the BLM's administrative record that have frustrated North Dakota's ability to undergo a thorough record review at this point in the litigation (State of Wyoming v. U.S. Department of the Interior, et al., No. 15-00043, D. Wyo.).

Lease Disputes

Fracking Company Wants To Add Report To Court Record In Lease Dispute

SALT LAKE CITY — A hydraulic fracturing company that is an intervener-defendant in a lease dispute between a collection of environmental groups and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) on Sept. 30 filed a brief in Utah federal court arguing that it should be permitted to supplement the administrative record (Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, et al. v. U.S. Department of the Interior, et al., No. 15-00194, D. Utah).

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