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President Barack Obama
The White House
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Mr. President,

My name is Louis Meeks. I'm a disable veteran and I live in Pavillion, WY. I bought my home in 1976 with a VA loan. One of the main requirements we had to have to get the loan was good water. My wife Donna and I raised our children in that home and this is where we had planed to live the rest of our life. It was one of the greatest accomplishes of our life. Then in 2004 our water became contaminated and we didn't know why.

Around 2000 EnCana Oil and Gas started doing a lot of natural gas drill around our area. One of the gas wells is even 500 feet from our house.
In December 2005 we tried to drill a new water well but we hit loose gas that we believe is from EnCana's gas production. We have been in contact with every state agency to try to get help. To try and make EnCana fix the mess they have created in the Pavillion gas field.

Since 2005 we have been trying to get them to do something about the contamination in our water well. EnCana is currently providing a building with two 2400 gallon water tanks to supply us water. These tanks are filled every week. This water is used to bathe, wash clothes, wash dishes, run my hot water heater and water our yard. For drinking we have to haul water from town, 30 miles away, for our cooking and drinking. Everything my wife and I have worked for the last 33 year is worth nothing with out water.

The Regional EPA from Denver CO has just finished taking samples of 39 water well all around our area. 11 of these wells were found to be contaminated with toxins found in oil and gas production.

Mr. President we need a complete disclosure of chemicals and products that EnCana is using in the Pavilion area to drill and frac their gas wells. We had two horse die and others neighbors have had cows go blind too. Is it safe to eat the animal or food out of our gardens? We need to have someone step up and help the EPA get a hold of the issue. We can not live with out good water.

With the technology we have now days this should not be happening. The oil company are ruining our under ground water aquifer. We cannot afford for them to keep doing this. What are we leaving for our children and grandchildren?

Please Mr. President help us in Wyoming get a grip on this problem before it's too late.
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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