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Mr. James F. Barre, Chair
Hydrofracking and Well Disposal Committee
Keuka Lake Association
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Dear Mr. Barre:

Governor Cuomo asked me to reply to your letter regarding high-volume hydraulic fracturing (HVHF) and the Keuka Lake Watershed.

On behalf of the Keuka Lake Association you specifically requested that the entire Keuka Lake Watershed and a 4,000 foot buffer be excluded from HVHF permitting. As you know, DEC issued a revised draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (rdSGEIS) on HVHF in 2011. The rdSGEIS includes well construction requirements designed to prevent contamination of aquifers. Required secondary containment and fluid handling practices above-ground are also designed to prevent impacts to drinking water aquifers and surface waters.

Currently, the New York State Department of Health (DOH) is conducting a review of HVHF and that effort is not yet complete. Once finalized, the DOH health review will inform the rdSGEIS and if changes need to be made, we will consider your recommendation along with any advanced by DOH.

Please call Deputy Commissioner Eugene Leff at (518) 402-2794 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Joe Martens', written over a horizontal line.

Joseph J. Martens

c: E. Leff