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## **American Exploration & Production Council Statement on EPA Draft Study of Hydraulic Fracturing**

Washington, DC - The American Exploration & Production Council ("AXPC") was pleased to see that the draft study on hydraulic fracturing released earlier today by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") clearly demonstrated that hydraulic fracturing has not led to extensive and systemic impacts on drinking water resources in the United States.

In response to EPA's draft study, AXPC's President, Bruce Thompson, said,

**"This draft study is extensive, having taken over 5 years as well as comprehensive, including over 950 sources of information, and clearly demonstrates that state regulators and industry have and continue to work together to safely and effectively regulate hydraulic fracturing operations. These operations are being conducted daily in a safe and environmentally sensitive manner in accordance with industry best practices and the effective regulation of the various states. AXPC looks forward to working with EPA as it prepares the final version of the study."**

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