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Hydrofracturing (“hydrofracking”) involves injecting water under high pressure into a bedrock formation via a wellbore. This process removes sediment and rock fragments from existing fissures and fractures and also increases their size and extent. While hydrofracking technology has been in use since the 1940’s, the refinement of the technology for horizontal drilling has recently gotten to the point where aiming a drill string toward a particular formation and depth has become more reliable. The combination of old and new technology has provided the environmental community with a real-time dilemma of how to provide for energy independence while protecting natural resources.

Manuscripts are sought with an emphasis on the legal, environmental, ecological, social, political and human health aspects of hydrofracking. Manuscripts highlighting case studies and best practices in all areas of hydrofracking are particularly encouraged. Specific topics and themes that could be addressed include, but are not limited to: **(i)** public policy efforts being pursued to minimize environmental damage resulting from hydrofracking; **(ii)** impacts of hydrofracking on groundwater and surface water resources; **(iii)** aspects related to the permitting of hydrofracking well site locations; **(iv)** impacts of hydrofracking and alternative/green energy development on terrestrial ecosystems; **(v)** critique or defense of USEPA’s new study plan to evaluate the effects of hydrofracking on groundwater; **(vi)** hydrofracking and NEPA – what is the role of environmental review? **(vii)** Hydrofracking is an extraction technique that was invented decades ago but which has suddenly exploded into the national consciousness. Why? Who or what is driving this narrative? **(viii)** If, as some suggest, natural gas is the ‘bridge’ to a green energy future and energy independence, is hydrofracking worth the cost?

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