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The experiences of Eric Steppe as a worker at Eureka's centralized waste treatment (CTW) in Williamsport, Pennsylvania are truly horrifying. Toxic fracking waste is a monstrous problem. Eureka clearly could not provide anything close to a safe working environment, so they lied to OSHA. Hydrogen sulfide guidelines from the CDC\* are readily available, as are guidelines from OSHA\*\* and they should be followed strictly and facilities should be inspected by an objective inspector to ensure the health and safety of the workers.

CTWs also cannot produce fluid that is safe to be released. Fracking is destroying our water resources. It is necessary to stop producing more fracking waste now. We must stop permitting industry to pump our clean water underground to pull out fossil gas. There are too many ways that fracking is killing human beings.

\*<https://wwwn.cdc.gov/TSP/MMG/MMGDetails.aspx?mmgid=385&toxid=67>

\*\*<https://www.osha.gov/hydrogen-sulfide/hazards>