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Subject: Public Consultation on Petroleum Safety Framework Designated Petroleum Activities Regulations

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To: Roisin Cullinan

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Dear Ms Cullinan,

In relation to the Commission for Energy Regulation's public consultation on the Petroleum Safety Framework Designated Petroleum Activities Regulations paper, I would like to make a personal submission.

I understand that the framework does not include detailed regulations for the activities of onshore hydraulic fracturing of shale gas (or any other form of shale gas exploitation). Now, and in the eventuality that CER considers more detailed regulations for the activities of hydraulic fracturing in the future, I have one important point to make - it is impossible to regulate a destructive process such as hydraulic fracturing of shale gas safely.

For your information please see this [report](#) produced by the Economic and Scientific Policy Department of the European Union into the impacts of shale gas and shale oil extraction on the environment and human health.

Yours Sincerely,

Sian Cowman