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The use of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) to extract natural gas is of great concern since it may pose a public health risk. Fracking has been linked to groundwater contamination and increased seismicity. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) currently procures natural gas to support its power generation from gas fields in Wyoming. This arrangement is conducted through a long-term natural gas acquisition contract with the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA).

The firm that provides natural gas to the DWP and SCPPA reportedly uses fracking methods to extract it. There have been reports linking aquifer contamination in Wyoming to fracking practices. The full environmental impacts of fracking are yet to be fully defined. Given this, it is vital that the DWP report to the Council as to the status of the gas acquisition contract in Wyoming and the extraction practices that the contractor engages in. Furthermore, the DWP should report on the chemicals used in the extraction process and where they pose a threat to the public health and the environment.

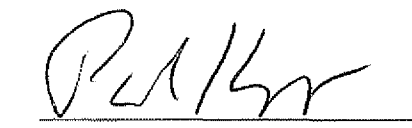
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) be requested to report in 30 days on the extraction practices, including and especially fracking, and chemicals used by the contractor to access the natural gas from gas fields in Wyoming; and on the status of the natural gas acquisition agreement.

I FURTHER MOVE that the DWP report on any potential impact that the contractor's extraction method (fracking) may have on the public health and the environment and ways to mitigate its impact.

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