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Duna Vista is an association of approximately 100 homeowners located 2 miles north of Pentwater, in an area of critical dunes and with frontage on Lake Michigan. Duna Vista is a mix of full time homeowners and summertime residents. Every homeowner in Duna Vista is dependent on their own private well.

It is inconceivable to everyone in this area that the state of Michigan would even consider fracking in such an area. While the industry representatives claim that fracking is clean, safe and even beneficial to the economy, every environmental study has proven that fracking depletes our most precious resources by the release of toxic chemicals into our air and water. High levels of methane have been found in drinking water wells near fracking in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Two homes in Pennsylvania burst into flames in 2011, due to “migrating methane” attributed to the nearby fracking operation.

In addition to the contamination of wells and noxious odors, the sheer volume of water used for these operations stresses the aquifer for homeowners, tourism, recreation and agriculture. Each well wastes an average of 2.5 million gallons of clean water. According to respectmyplanet.org, the misuse of water for these wells in Michigan is unprecedented, there are no other wells that are using as much water per well in the entire USA .

The state of Michigan has spent over \$25 million to fund its popular “Pure Michigan” campaign to lure out of state residents to enjoy all the beauty and recreational uses of our state. And now they are willing to endanger everything that brings tourism to Michigan, creates jobs and threatens the health and well being of its citizens. Our water is our most precious resource, how can the state even consider the colossal waste of fresh water to drill for gas that will not even benefit the citizens of Michigan and is already earmarked for overseas markets.