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### NGSA Welcomes EPA Study on Hydraulic Fracturing

(Washington, D.C.) -- R. Skip Horvath, president and CEO of the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA), made the following statement about the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) announcement today that it is beginning a comprehensive study on hydraulic fracturing:

"We welcome this comprehensive study by EPA, which we believe will show that concerns about groundwater contamination from hydraulic fracturing are unfounded as long as companies are complying with numerous existing and stringent state regulations.

"Hydraulic fracturing is a time-tested method that has enabled the availability of clean, domestic natural gas from shale formations found in numerous states. Production from shale formations is the nation's fastest growing source of natural gas, contributing to an unprecedented 39 percent increase in the estimated size of the natural gas resource base since 2006. In Pennsylvania alone, the production of natural gas from shale has created 50,000 new jobs in 2008 and 2009. We look forward to EPA's findings, which we believe will help to further public understanding of the safety and benefits of hydraulic fracturing."

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NGSA represents integrated and independent companies that supply natural gas. Established in 1965, NGSA encourages the use of natural gas within a balanced national energy policy, and promotes the benefits of competitive markets to ensure reliable and efficient transportation and delivery of natural gas and to increase the supply of natural gas to U.S. customers. For more information, please visit

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