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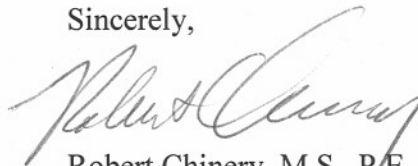
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Dear Mr. Hang

I am writing in response to your email to New York State Commissioner of Health Nirav R. Shah, M.D., M.P.H., regarding the New York State Department of Health's (Department) review of the Department of Environmental Conservation's assessment of potential public health impacts in the draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement on high-volume hydraulic fracturing. Thank you for your interest in the Department's review and for the information provided in your letter. This information will be taken into consideration as the Department's review proceeds.

Sincerely,



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