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I would like to offer the following points:

1. The burning of coal is far, far more serious than the burning of gas. Over 500,000 deaths in China per annum. That is why China are rapidly changing from coal to gas in an effort to clean up their air pollution. China's LNG and gas consumption is up 40% year on year.

The sooner the world follows suit the better. Get rid of coal and promote gas as an interim solution to world energy.

2. Gas has been bubbling up through the earth's surface for many millions of years. As it does so there have been many cases of livestock and humans being affected. This has been a natural occurrence.

Several years ago Josh Fox published a sensational film about fracking in the USA. It showed a kitchen tap igniting due to a methane build up in a nearby aquifer. He went on a tour of the USA and the antifracking campaign exploded.

The oil industry then attended such an evening and showed another film of a kitchen tap igniting. Every one applauded. But they were brought to their senses when it was revealed that this film was made 20 odd years before fracking had been invented.

3. Fracking numbers.
Over 1 million fracs have been carried out in the USA according to Halliburton. Not just 50,000 as this enquiry states.

It would be appreciated if this email could be passed on to your Group.

Yours Sincerely

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