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To Ontario Energy Board,

I don't believe you actually care about our future, but would be pleased if you proved me wrong. Allowing the construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure at this time when the drastic consequences of climate change are already very obvious is an outrage. It will not be long before it is properly considered criminal. Allowing it through ecologically sensitive areas containing provincially significant wetlands magnifies the damage.

The Enbridge proposal is founded on two "need" arguments. One is a steep increase in gas burning by your government to produce electricity - an incredible backward step after Ontario successfully closed down all its coal-fired plants. The second "need" identified by Enbridge is to pipe gas to New York and New England. This one is particularly "rich" because the gas is coming from Pennsylvania where it is obtained by hydraulic fracking. New York State is fighting to prevent new pipelines from Pennsylvania so Enbridge has come up with the runaround where Ontario residents bear the costs, the damage and the dangers.

Fracking itself is an outrageous practice intentionally designed to contaminate groundwater, and huge volumes of surface water, in order to scrape out a few more dregs of climate destroying fossil fuels. Ontario should not even allow the results into our province.

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Yours truly,

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