

Pending 10-13 Karst water testing

Delegates Campbell,, move to amend the bill on page 20 at the end of section three by adding a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Each applicant shall conduct a pre-permit application review of the area where horizontal drilling will occur for karst rock formations and when the operator identifies a karst rock formation which serves as a recharge area for a spring, the operator shall utilize a professional water-sampling laboratory to establish and implement a program to monitor the water from that spring for quality and flow. The monitoring shall begin before drilling and samples shall be taken at least monthly and immediately after any known spill and continue until thirty days after final hydro-fracturing is completed. The results of sampling shall be reported to the secretary and the local county health department. The applicant shall identify any known sinkholes within 2,500 feet of the drill site. Any accidental spills in areas determined to have karst formations shall be reported within 30 minutes of identification of the spill.