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**From:** David Gray  
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**Re: EPA Press Release**

**Victor Carrillo** to: David Gray

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Thanks for the notice but as I have said repeatedly -- it is a premature action while we continue to investigate.

Victor Carrillo

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**From:** <Gray.David@epamail.epa.gov>  
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Chairman,

Dr. Armendariz asked me to share this press release with you as soon as it was completed. It will be issued shortly.

David

EPA Issues an Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Order to Protect Drinking Water in Southern Parker County

Agency orders Range Natural Gas Company to stop the contamination of Methane and Other Contaminants into drinking water near multiple residences

(Dallas ? TX) Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has ordered a natural gas company in Forth Worth Texas to take immediate action to protect homeowners living near one of their drilling operations who have complained about flammable and bubbling drinking water coming out of their tap. EPA testing has confirmed that extremely high levels of methane in their water pose an imminent and substantial risk of explosion or fire. EPA has also found other contaminants including benzene, which can cause cancer, in their drinking water.

EPA has determined that natural gas drilling near the homes by Range Resources in Parker County, Texas has caused or contributed to the contamination of at least two residential drinking water wells. Therefore, today, EPA has ordered the company to step in immediately to stop the contamination, provide drinking water and provide methane gas monitors to the homeowners. EPA has issued an imminent and substantial endangerment order under Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Parker County is located west of Fort Worth, Texas.