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Dear Sir

## **Preesall Underground Gas Storage Facility**

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment further before the Secretary of State re-determines the above application.

The Parish Council's main concern is the recent announcement by Cuadrilla of their intention to extend the hydraulic fracking operations in this area.

Cuadrilla first started test drilling a few years ago on a site in the nearby village of Singleton. The entire area suffered earth tremors and it was subsequently accepted that these were as a direct result of the fracking process.

As stated above, Cuadrilla is seeking to actively expand their involvement in fracking within the Fylde area. Their web site (as at 7 May 2104) specifically states that it is their intention to apply for Planning Permission to drill hydraulically, fracture and test up to 4 exploration wells at each of the Roseacre Wood and Preston New Road sites. In addition a work programme is underway to restore Anna's Road and Preese Hall sites. Cuadrilla also indicates that they will be applying for Planning Permission to carry out seismic and pressure monitoring at the Grange Hill site.

The proposed site of the gas storage facility is an unstable area with extensive fault lines. The affect of further earth tremors caused by the increase in fracking is therefore a distinct possibility and could detrimentally affect the stability of the area even further.

We would respectfully request that any geological assessment carried out by the Secretary

of State takes into account and fully addresses this possibility.

We know that the Government is completely committed to fracking but would question whether in fact fracking and gas storage can live together in the same area.

Thank you once again for allowing this Parish Council to voice its concerns.

Yours faithfully

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