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BTW, does anyone know if there are any new treatment plants being built specifically to handle frack water? You would think if some \$\$\$ could be made treating the frack water a few state of the art plants would be in the works.

I don't know of any specifically, but this article is in response to a law which states that new frackwater treatment facilities will NOT be able to discharge into waterways, while the older plants that have been doing this for years will be grandfathered and allowed to continue what they're doing. That suggests to me that at least there's some people who think new ones will be built to handle the higher volumes of M shale. The plants that are running have been in operation for some time to treat the frack water from traditional vertical shallow wells.

I definitely agree with you. My understanding is that the current plants do a fine job with the heavy metals and such, but do a poor job with the salts. If we are capable of building plants that better handle the salts, then we should do that, and shut down the old plants that do a worse job. The danger with what we did was that it may discourage the new, better plants from being built, and encourage increased use of the older, dirtier facilities.

Make the regulation based on the cleanliness of the outflow. You then encourage the building of newer, better plants, and make sure they are up to snuff and that the builder's don't skimp on \$ and design them for dirtier discharge. For the old plants, you either force them to upgrade or shut them down, at the very least you discourage much volume from going through them. That should result in cleaner water, rather than just trying to ensure an existing problem doesn't get worse.