

Interactive comment on “Hydraulic fracturing in thick shale basins: problems in identifying faults in the Bowland and Weald Basins, UK” by David K. Smythe

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Please find attached my review of this paper. I have not reviewed such a paper before, in that it is neither science (hypothesis, data, interpretation) nor balanced and insightful review.

It could have been an interesting contribution on an important topic, but it is highly flawed. I have no hesitation in rejecting it.

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<http://www.solid-earth-discuss.net/se-2015-134/se-2015-134-RC1-supplement.pdf>

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