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REPLY TO:

Senate of Pennsylvania

Harrisburg

June 1, 2010

Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market St., 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101



Re: IRRC Nos. 2783 and 2806

Sirs:

I am writing to encourage the commission's approval of the Final Form regulations referred to above.

As you know, these regulations were initially proposed last summer, and recently were submitted in Final Form by the Environmental Quality Review Board following statewide hearings and legislative and public comment. With the pressure for economic development of the Marcellus Shale natural gas reserves in Pennsylvania increasing, it is critical to ensure the protection of our waterway resources as these regulations will do by requiring the treatment of gas well wastewater and the development of buffer zones along rivers and streams.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Michael A. O'Pake
Senator - 11th District

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