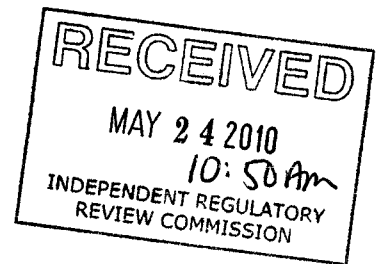


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Subject: Please support strong regulations to protect drinking water



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Independent Regulatory Review Commission PA

Dear Review Commission,

Please vote to support regulations that reduce the risk that total dissolved solids (TDS) pose to our rivers and streams. Pennsylvania's rivers and streams provide billions of dollars of direct and indirect economic benefit to the Commonwealth's families, farms, and industries.

Total dissolved solids have already polluted drinking water and led to massive fish kills. We need these rules in place to control the significant new source of TDS pollution from gas drilling wastewater.

Our entire economy depends on getting this right. Not just our water quality is at stake, but our water quantity is at stake and must be addressed, too. Understand that in PA we have not developed a technology fix to this methodology of drilling. Fracking in PA is possible but we haven't figured out how to do it without destroying life as we know it today - in industry, recreation and drinking water supply.

Our navigation system is at risk with the quantities of water that will also be needed over the next decade in the current fracking process.

We are absolutely in a crisis. This is our gulf oil spill. It has already happened and it will continue to worsen.

Our social fabric in areas of drilling has already shown signs of hemorrhaging.

This issue will split our culture into two camps - those who profit and those who are victimized by those profiting. There is a way to do this. Suspend drilling until the methodology is developed to do this - just like the state of NY has done. The chemicals used today in fracking combined with our soils conditions will create a toxic soup none of us, or our children, can fix. We need a system overhaul, not just a technology fix.

This gas seam has existed for a billion years. It will wait until we get it right.

I fully support DEP's efforts to establish effluent standards for new sources of wastewaters containing high concentrations of total dissolved solids and urge the DEP to go even further in protecting our waterways.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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