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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Re: Marcellus Shale gas drilling

Dear Sirs/Madams:

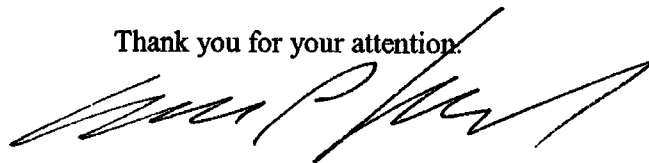
If the drilling of these Marcellus Shale wells across Pennsylvania will be anything like the dreadful pollution going on with all the drilling in the Allegheny National Forest, the good people of our state are in for an environmental nightmare.

Granted we need natural gas as a source of energy. But more importantly, we need clean, healthy streams and rivers for safe drinking water, wildlife habitat and human recreation.

These drillers need to be strictly regulated and they need to be TAXED! This is no fledgling industry. With the good people of Pennsylvania already taxed to the gills, it makes no sense to have these well-organized predatory energy companies lobbying themselves into a free ride.

The DEP needs to have tough discharge standards and a tracking of wastewater from its source until it is remediated. Otherwise we will have more disasters such as recently happened in SW PA with the fish kill, and there will be no accountability.

Thank you for your attention.



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