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There is one attached comment here, and one posted next:

To whom it may concern,

I attended a talk and film on Monday December 7, 2009 at the Lansdale Public Library. Dr. Sandra Folzer spoke about the Natural Gas drilling that is beginning in PA and has been taking place across the country. The film described what has happened all across Colorado and the affects the gas drilling has had on people and nature.

I was shocked as I watched the film and learned about the harmful gases, chemicals and waste that the oil and gas companies leak into the earth, water and air around the drill sites. The film used the term split estate which explained that the homeowner may own the land or house, but government owns the rights to minerals on the land. Sites were set up in close proximity to people homes and over time the water they drank and air they breathe was polluted. Many residents feel ill during the drillings and the months that followed.

Dr. Folzer explained the local impact that has already begun. Companies are considering drilling thousands of gas wells in Pennsylvania. These many wells will take over thousands of acres of land and there will be adverse affects on people, fish, and wildlife from these drillings and the waste and dumping.

We can not allow gas companies to pollute our air, water and land. Regulatory state and local agencies need to be strict and review the drill sites and what the companies will do with waste water and gases. The excess can not be dumped carelessly into our streams, rivers and lakes and the land surrounding them.

Hope this helps
Sincerely,
Tony Braca
concerned Whitpain Township resident