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Subject: DEP Regulation of Fracwater

As Information and Education Coordinator for the 1000 member Western Clinton Sportsmen's Association, located in North Central Pennsylvania, I strongly urge Pennsylvania DEP to strengthen, not weaken, regulations pertaining to fracwater. Our association is quite aware of the pressure being applied to weaken such regulations, but the water quality of our streams, and the rapid recovering of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River from decades of pollution, demand that these invaluable assets be protected against any and all attempts by drilling companies to lessen the regulation of fracwater.

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We here at the very heart of the entire PA Wilds concept are deeply troubled that this entire concept, which may be the last best hope for our region to revive our struggling economy will now be sacrificed to benefit drilling companies, and the insatiable appetite in Harrisburg for ever growing funding needs.

Please do not allow this to happen. We are not trying to stop exploration of the Marcellus Shale we are simply asking that it be done in a sane environmental manner.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our opinion on this topic.