

2806

RECEIVED

22

Tate, Michele

From: Cynthia Iberg [coriander@pa.net]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2009 8:12 AM
To: EP, RegComments
Subject: Marcellus shale regulations

2010 JAN 13 AM 11:04

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

DEP

No profit made by any corporation is more important than the residents of Pennsylvania having clean water and air. The residents of Dish, Texas are finding out that air pollution is also a problem.

PLEASE, as our only source of protection, I ask you to pass and enforce the strongest standards. We already have the most polluted rives in the nation. It is time for a change.

Thank you,
Cynthia Iberg
Juniata County

1. **We need safe drinking water!** DEP's proposal will go a long way towards ensuring that our drinking water supplies will not have unsafe levels of total dissolved solids (TDS). DEP should not weaken their proposed discharge standard for TDS.
2. **We need these regulations to be in place as soon as possible to protect our rivers and drinking water.** DEP should stop giving out more drilling permits until wastewater rules are in place. DEP should also stop allowing existing or proposed wastewater plants to pollute our rivers unless they follow these new rules.
3. **DEP should add discharge standards for those contaminants that are frequently found in Marcellus Shale gas drilling wastewater.** These would include bromides, arsenic, benzene, radium, magnesium, and possibly others. Many of these contaminants are very difficult for drinking water systems to remove.
4. **DEP needs to ensure that all aspects of the generation of Marcellus wastewater are regulated.** Currently there are no requirements to track wastewater from drilling sites to treatment plants, and there is no oversight over the reuse of Marcellus wastewater.

12/30/2009