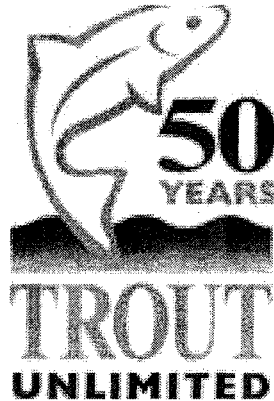


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The Tiadaghton Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Position on New DEP Standards for Wastewater
with high concentrations of TDS (Totally
Dissolved Solids) from Marcellus Shale Gas Well
Flow Back Water

Tiadaghton Chapter of Trout Unlimited #688 of Tioga County Pennsylvania (PA) wishes to go on the public record in support of the proposed new DEP rules that will effect the treatment of wastewater from oil and gas exploration related to the hydraulic - fracturing of the Marcellus Shale. These new rules are scheduled to take effect in January 2011. Ideally , the new regulations should be implemented as soon as possible and any new permits for drilling should not be issued until the new plan is in place.

The elements contained in the recovered "Frack" water need to be treated differently than those waters containing brine recovered from the shallow gas well drilling that has been ongoing the preceding decades. The millions of gallons of "flowback water"

existing rules regulating the treatment of Flowback Waste Waters from the Marcellus Shale hydro-fracturing process. We also advocate the enforcement of **All** existing laws and regulations to control gas well drilling and to minimize the long term negative effects of **All** phases of the Gas Extraction impacting our watersheds and riparian ecosystems.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Harris President Tiadaghton TU #688

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The Tiadaghton
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Dear Sir or Madam,

The attachment is a statement reflecting the Tiadaghton Chapter of Trout Unlimited's stance on bolstering DEP water regulations in the face of rampant gas well creation in PA. We are 100 members strong.

Thank you for this valued opportunity to present our beliefs. Best regards, Larry Harris
President
Tiadaghton TU #688