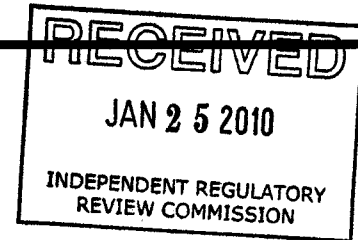


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I am opposed to gas drillers being exempt from the Clean Water regulations.  
Summerview

In Westmoreland County I have heard reports:

A stream was polluted and all the fish died.

All the trees on a farm died due to the ground water drying up.

I have seen the Tanks filling up with water from a fire hydrant along PA Route 981 north of Latrobe. Is that Derry Water or Latrobe Water? I'm not sure about the Latrobe Reservoir, but Ethel Springs Lake, the Derry reservoir has been very low.

Property owners sign up to get a payment from the drillers. The drill goes down on one property, then travels laterally. What if one property owner doesn't sign up, do they go under his property anyway?

I know that we need energy, but the environment must be protected. What happens if someone invents a device to remove hydrogen from water, but we have lost our water supply for the sake of gas drilling?

In summary, I support protecting the environment, even at the expense of the gas drillers.

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