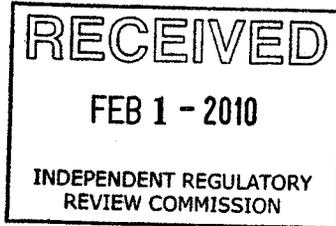


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RE: Anardarko Natural Gas Well Drilling Pads
COP Tr 244 #1000H;
COP Tr 244 #1001H & 1002H;
(Centre County, Rush Township, Philipsburg, PA)

Dear Board Members:

This letter and petitions are submitted on behalf of the nearly 20 homeowners living along Hannah Furnace Road, the homeowners of Laurel Hill development, and residents along State Route 504, Philipsburg, PA (Rush Township, Centre County), and concerns the proposed Anadarko drilling site on Hannah Furnace Road.

The residents of Hannah Furnace Road started asking questions concerning drilling notification procedures. Others in the area, concerned about potential well water contamination, chose to sign this petition as well.

The Hannah Furnace residents depend entirely on well water and, to date, residents have not been notified of planned well operations, despite residing approximately 1½ to 3 miles from the proposed site. (In addition, the Rush Township Supervisors did not receive formal notification of the proposed drilling site within the township.)

DEP was contacted in October 2009 concerning notification laws and correctly replied that gas companies are legally obligated to notify only those residents living within 1,000 feet of the site. DEP then suggested that private wells be tested prior to drilling. However, considering this 1,000-foot rule, why then would home owners located 4 miles to 5 miles farther from the site than Hannah Furnace residents receive certified mail notification? (i.e. Black Moshannon State Park area residents) Why the discrepancy?

Residents are concerned about all aspects of the drilling operation and especially note the proposed site is located between two high quality trout streams: Black Bear Run to the west of the site, and Six-Mile Run to the east. Both streams and/or tributaries are located ½ mile or less from the drilling site. Most disconcerting is the drilling site's proximity to Black Bear Reservoir, which supplies drinking water to the towns of Grassflat and Winburne. Although there is no formal documentation available concerning Winburne Water Company (Black Bear Reservoir) not receiving formal notification from Anadarko, statements were made, however, that the water company was not notified of the nearby drilling operation.

Another concern is the potential impact on the residential and forestry roads used by tanker trucks to haul the 5 million gallons of water from Montoursville and Jersey Shore areas. If Hannah Furnace Road is utilized for hauling, will residents be compensated for any road damage or accidental spills of polluted frack water?

Also, as gas wells can drill up to one mile horizontally, anyone whose well is within the WATERSHED should be notified. Watersheds are much larger than isolated private wells and are also subject to pollution. Residents ask the EQB and DEP to investigate:

- 1) Why Anadarko Petroleum Corporation is allowed to withhold drilling site information (location, drilling dates, and number of wells) from residents living within ½ to 3 miles from the drilling site, while at the same time mailing certified information packets to residents living 4 to 5 miles farther from the drilling site? We are requesting to be included in the formal notification process, which will assist in well water monitoring and testing.
- 2) If private water wells/ aquifers are lost or become polluted as a result of drilling, will all residents affected be compensated, not only for loss of clean drinking water, but the loss of property and home values?

Sincerely,



Mary Ann Williams (on behalf of)
Hannah Furnace Road Residents
Laural Hill Residents
Residents/ Property Owners Along State Route 504

Attachments:

petition

map

Copies of Anadarko's certified letters to homeowners

cc: DEP - Northcentral Regional Office
Rush Township Supervisors
Representative. H. Scott Conklin
Senator John Wozniak