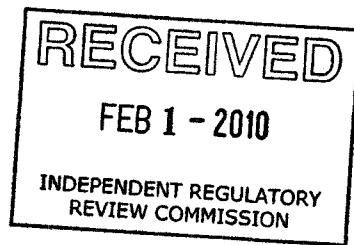


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To Whom it May Concern:

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

I want to add my voice to those who support and want you to support Federal Bill S.1215, the FRAC ACT, which would repeal the amendment that exempts the natural gas industry from being regulated. The industry simply **MUST** be compelled to act in a transparent way to assure the citizens of Pennsylvania that their drinking water is kept safe while the industry is developing the Marcellus Shale gas reserves in Pennsylvania.

I understand that the exemption means there could be no disclosure of any chemicals used in the drilling and refraction of gas. This is, to say the least, incredible. I believe it has been proven that many toxic chemicals used in the refraction process are highly likely to be found in the ground water of the areas where gas drilling takes place. To **NOT** monitor these chemicals is in very plain language, criminal. Further, the removal of much of the contaminated water is not entirely assured due to the cost.

It is my understanding, further, that the very agencies responsible for monitoring the environmental impact of drilling and development of the natural gas resources are being limited in their job by state budget cuts. This is insult to injury. We need to know that while the gas industry is making profits, and I surmise that these will be enormous, the people who live here, who own the land, won't be victims of contamination. Will they wake up one day in the future, like many have in the past, to find that their children are sick, and that the heavy costs of repairing the damage is their responsibility, not that of the companies? From what I have been able to find out, this could very well be the case.

It would seem prudent, then, that until we can be certain that our water will be safe to drink during and after the drilling of the Marcellus Shale gas reserves, all development by the gas companies should be postponed.

I urge you to support the Federal Bill S.1215 for all the obvious reasons. Yes, we need the gas the Shale offers, and yes, we need to wean ourselves from foreign sources, but keeping our water safe, our air free of pollutants and our land intact, are more important than the gas. I have long thought that Pennsylvania has some of the most beautiful rural areas in America. How cruel it would be to spoil it.

Sincerely,  
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy I. Everett". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the typed name.