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New Regulations for Chapter 95

I have been involved with many environmental issues for the past 70 years. Usually, an issue has a reasonable boundary with a fix on the parties involved. We currently have a perplexing situation, drilling into Marcellus Shale, that is completely out of control.


Many meetings have resulted into undesirable regulations. The unrealistic operations we have encountered are leading to worse results than could ever be imagined. It is obvious that the gas industry, directly and indirectly, is dictating many of the parameters in the regulations now in place. It is obvious that politicians and certain business interests are controlling what is now becoming an undesirable place to live in the northern part of the Commonwealth.

Total Dissolved Solids and mg/L for Chlorides and Sulfates should be lowered to make our streams suitable for our many necessary uses. There are other chemicals which need to be addressed. Coal mining destroyed much of our landscape. The gas industry will be more damaging unless DEP, and others, act reasonably.

The matter of drilling on the flood plain is absolutely ridiculous. It must be stopped now, along with pond storage and improper disposal of frackwater.

We are expecting reasonable results from your deliberations. It is our last hope for a stop to the calamity which is rapidly underway.

Sincerely,


Robert M. Rinn P.E.