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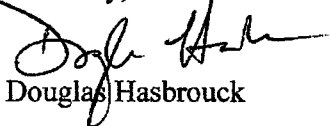
Dear Board members,

Although I reside in suburban Delaware County, PA, I am very concerned about the pollution of our streams, ponds, and groundwater aquifers by gas exploration in Pennsylvania's northern and western counties.

I strongly urge you to implement the most stringent standards you can on the discharge of fracking water. High levels of total dissolved solids endanger our streams and rivers. Drilling and other polluting industries need to bear the costs of treating their wastewater and must find solutions to remedy high levels of TDS. Pennsylvania's rivers and streams provide billions of dollars of direct and indirect economic benefit to the Commonwealth's families, farms, and industries. These new standards should apply to ALL sources of discharged water, not just new sources. Additionally, there should be no threshold of applicability at which the standards apply, to ensure that treatment is done consistently no matter how big or small the amount of wastewater.

My grandparents were dairy farmers in Susquehanna County, and I grew up being able to drink from the springs, play in the creek, and swim in their farm pond. We have put the farm into "Clean and Green" protection to preserve those same options for my grandchildren and future generations – but groundwater knows no boundaries. We desperately need your leadership to protect the environment, please do all that you can to preserve the beauty and health of our Commonwealth.

Sincerely,


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