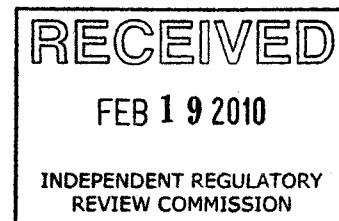


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Dear Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board,

Water -- vital to life, emblem of clarity and purity -- is in danger of becoming toxic. The rush to drill for gas is contaminating this most essential of resources. As the Department of Environmental Protection considers new wastewater regulations, I urge you to include the following points:

- * Set health-based standards for contaminants including arsenic, benzene, radium and magnesium that may be found in wastewater gas drilling.
- * Approve and implement these standards as soon as possible in order to protect public health and our environment.
- * Stop all new gas drilling operations until these new health-based standards are set and require all sewage treatment plants to follow these proposed standards immediately.
- * Require drilling companies to track and report all of their pollution from drilling sites to treatment plants, and establish regulations to oversee the reuse of gas drilling wastewater.

The public has a right to know about pollution being released into our environment or shipped into our communities.

As a mother and a teacher, I am especially concerned with the health of our children. A safe water supply is key to our future. Please safeguard Pennsylvania's water supply.