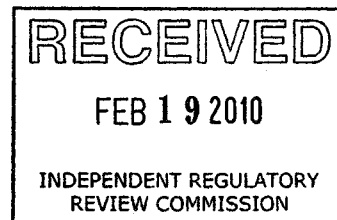


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Dear Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board,

Given the increased revenue just reported for new gas drilling permits and the report of methane contamination of wells due to drilling AND the report that pollutants are being dumped into state streams now by drilling operations, it is critical that Department of ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION step up to the plate and live up to its name.

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.

Sincerely,