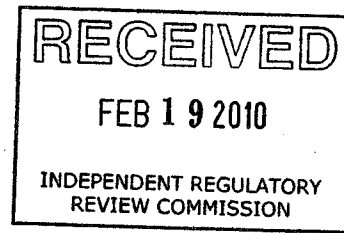


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Dear Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board,

Water is one of the most, if not ultimately THE most, valuable natural resource we have in Pennsylvania, yet we continue to squander it. The philosophy behind this attitude escapes me.

Spend a little time in a part of the country not blessed with abundant water, and you will gain a better understanding of the enormous value of our water - and of our collective responsibility to protect its quality and quantity.

I urge you to become this state's #1 water champion and 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,