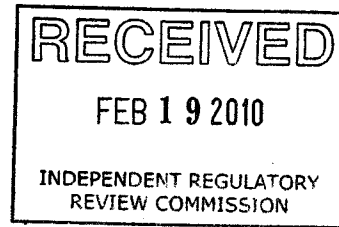


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Dear Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board,

As a resident of the Marcellus shale territory of Northeast Pa., I have concerns about natural gas drilling and its potential ill effects on my well water.

Natural gas drilling can be an economic boom for Pa., but only if proper environmental regulations and enforcement is in place. There have been enough problems already in Pa. and elsewhere in the country from the hydrofracking method.

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.

Sincerely,