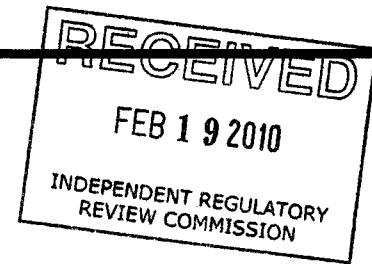


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Subject: "Chapter 95 Wastewater Treatment Requirements"



To Whom It May Concern:

I am deeply concerned about the enormous usage of potable water, pollution of our water and air and deforestation taking place in the name of getting natural gas from the Marcellus Shale. At a minimum, total dissolved solids (TDS) standards be strengthened, not weakened ; that measures be applied daily, not monthly (to avoid spikes of salinity and accompanying contaminants, which can be deadly to aquatic life as well as harmful to humans); that not only TDS but benzene and other volatile organic chemicals be monitored; that arsenic, lead, and radium be removed from waste prior to discharge (and that effluent be tested for these contaminants); and that "recycling" of Marcellus Shale flowback waste be monitored and regulated. These companies are simply injecting more concentrated toxic waste underground and leaving it there.

Miles of plastic temporary pipes are used to convey the toxic waste from one drill pad to another, creating inevitable spills along the way.

I urge that the DEP issue no more drilling permits or wastewater treatment permits, nor allow existing wastewater treatment facilities currently accepting Marcellus Shale flowback waste to discharge into rivers and streams, until the new regulations, called "Chapter 95 Wastewater Treatment Requirements," are in place January 1, 2011. As Tracy Carluccio of Delaware Riverkeeper Network concurs: "Why hand out permits when there is no workable plan to safely treat this waste?" This is so mind boggling to me!

We should be afforded the right to clean water and air. Please at the very least ensure that a moratorium be placed on further drilling until a proper means of treating this waste water be in place and an impact study been accomplished.

Thank you,

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