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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board,

I am appalled by the fact that we Pennsylvanians may need to worry about the quality of our groundwater because of drilling for a fossil fuel. My daughter attends college in Pittsburgh, not far from where some of the offending companies are drilling, so I support FAST action to address this growing and urgent problem.

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,