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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board,

I live in Pittsburgh now, but I grew up in Fayette County. I have seen and experienced poor drinking water quality all of my life. It was unneccessary - it was all so that a few fat cats could save some money, by not cleaning up the mess the caused, while they made their money. My neighbors and I paid the price - and that is not right.

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,