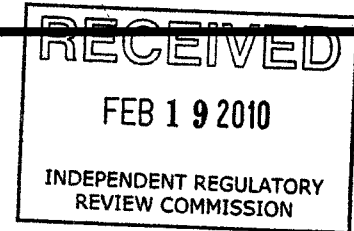


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**From:** Gwen Hock [gwenhornybee@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2010 8:47 PM  
**To:** EP, RegComments  
**Subject:** 25 Code Chapter 95, Wastewater Treatment Requirements



To Members of the Environmental Quality Board:

This message is in reference to the proposed new regulations on TDS discharges into our rivers. I request that you accept and follow through with the new regulations, as they are important to the sustainability of our rivers.

I live in the northern mountains of Lycoming County, PA, near Brookside. The impact of the discovery of the gas deposits in the Marcellus Shale are already causing problems for us. Route 287 is crumbling under the weight of the hundreds of heavy gas well related trucks and other vehicles. The noise and fumes from the heavy traffic is never-ending, and now our beautiful mountain view from the south is lit up at night from burning gas wells!

Why is the state of PA allowing these drillers to come into our wildest and most pristine mountainous areas, where they are building dozens of new roads, making a lot of mud, noise and pollution, frightening the wildlife, and chopping down large areas of trees? Why aren't these companies paying big taxes? If they can afford to spend millions on lobbying efforts to convince the state not to pass tighter environmental laws, then they can afford to pay taxes. It is my understanding that they pay taxes in every other state where they do business.

So I beg you to please hold the line on the proposed new standards of TDS's. Make the gas companies become environmentally responsible in every sense of the way. I thank you greatly for being progressive enough in your thinking to handle it in the manner that is best for all of us.

Sincerely, Gwen Hock  
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