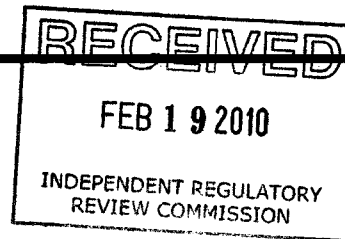


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I am writing to express my concern over the environmental degradation which will occur if the gas drilling process in the Marcellus shale is not strongly regulated.

Successful management must occur at the source of the wastewater and other pollutants. Once they enter natural system, the cost of recovery increases if, in fact, the pollutants can be recovered at all. The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary is overseeing the expenditure of millions of dollars in federal and state funds to manage erosion and restore wetlands and fisheries. The same issues confront the Chesapeake Bay and the impact of runoff from Pennsylvania is too well known to bear repeating.

I ask that the DEP put into effect controls which will prevent pollutants associated with gas drilling from entering the natural systems. It makes little sense to allow the gas companies to discharge these toxins and expect the downstream organizations spend their federal and state (tax) dollars to clean them up when they can be captured at the source. The gas companies wouldn't be here if they didn't sense big profits, and they can easily foot the bill for DEP's cost of enforcement.

Thank you

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