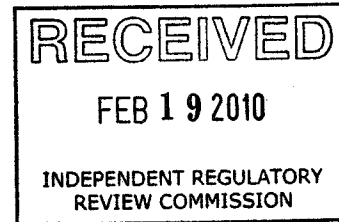


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Dear Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board,

The advisories issued to the public over the last year impel me to urge the Department of Environmental Protection to do everything possible to safeguard our drinking water.

In determining and implementing clear, inescapable, and imperative objectives and regulations for gas drilling and the companies involved, the Department needs to take into account the following considerations.

1. The presence of contaminants such as arsenic, benzene, radium and magnesium cannot be allowed.
2. Quick and thorough action is essential.
3. All new gas drilling must be halted until standards are made. It is imperative that all parties know that the standards will be enforced.
4. Transparency and responsibility on the part of drilling companies must be required. The public needs to see proof of non-negotiability.