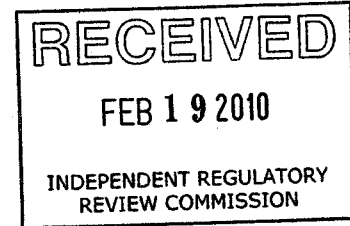


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Dear Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board,

In these times of greater economic pressures to expand gas drilling in Pennsylvania, our regulatory agencies need to be even more vigilant to make sure we are not sacrificing our long-term health for job which are now going mainly to people coming in from out of state and which may not be a permanent addition to PA's economy. Strengthening regulations now and enforcing existing ones will pay off in reduced health costs down the road.

My family has lived in western PA since at least 1801, and I would hate to think that my children and I would have to move to another state to find clean water and air.

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.

I would like to have a response from you regarding these issues (email is fine). Thank you.

Sincerely,