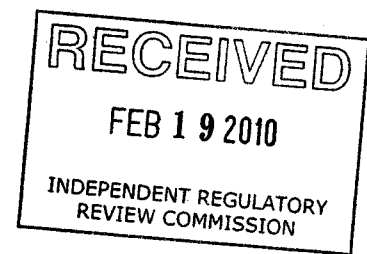


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Dear Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board,

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.

My sister owns the land on which my son and I live. She has allowed two gas wells to be sunk, each within a quarter of a mile from my water source. I never did trust the safety of this. In addition, my niece lives near a gas well and she has developed a serious and fatal blood disease ~ from this probably. Nothing else near is suspect. When I read benzene, I realized that is one of the contaminants that causes the disease she has. She has received a bone marrow transplant, which does not seem to be successful. So, yes, make these wells safer!

Sincerely,