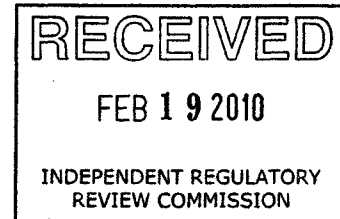


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Dear Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board,

While I am aware that gas drilling is being touted as a way to improve the Pennsylvania economy and industries, I am concerned that - in our rush to begin using this new "ability" - we are compromising the very future we are trying to build by threatening a vital resource to all of us, our water.

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.

Sincerely,