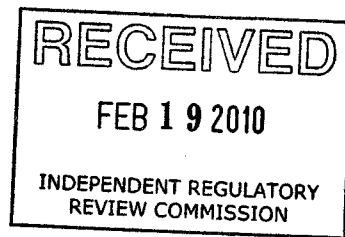


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Dear Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board,

At this time when gas drilling operations are expanding, we need to be extra vigilant and active to protect our drinking water and water in our rivers and growing our crops. 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. Use the highest standards to protect Pennsylvanians.
- \* It is especially important to 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,