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please don't let the big gas co - or energy co take away our clean water or let them run over the citizens of PA and everywhere else

thank you

**Please pull out all stops by taking action, then forwarding this message.**

**We Need Your Help . . .**

In a brilliant lobbying move, Oil & Gas industry was able to get "frackwater" – the fluids used in extracting gas from the Marcellus wells - exempted from the Federal Clean Water Act in 2005 (the "Halliburton Amendment").

Now, the Oil & Gas lobbyists are out in force to weaken Pennsylvania DEP's new proposed regulations on wastewater. We need hundreds of comments in order to counteract the lobbyists and convince DEP to strengthen their regulations, not weaken them.

There will be only four public meetings on this. If you can't make one of them, simply write or e-mail your comments to DEP.

If you can attend one of the public hearings on CH 95 regulations:

**December 14**  
**5 p.m.** Cranberry Township Municipal Building  
2525 Rochester Road  
**Cranberry Township, PA 16066-6499**

**December 15**  
**5 p.m.** Department of Environmental Protection  
Cambria District Office  
286 Industrial Park Road  
**Ebensburg, PA 15931**

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**December 16** Department of Environmental Protection  
**5 p.m.** Northcentral Regional Office  
Goddard Conference Room  
208 West Third Street,  
Suite 101  
**Williamsport, PA 17701-6448**

**December 17** Lehigh County Government Center  
**5 p.m.** 17 S. 7th Street  
**Allentown, PA 18101**

To present testimony at a hearing, contact the Environmental Quality Board, P.O. Box 8477, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477, (717) 787-4526 today to reserve a ten-minute time slot to present your testimony.

Witnesses are requested to submit three written copies of their oral testimony to the hearing Chairperson at the hearing. Organizations are limited to designating one witness to present testimony on their behalf at each hearing. Try it; you'll like it.

If you need technical help, Clean Water Action has provided TALKING POINTS on DEP's proposed changes to Chapter 95, Wastewater Treatment Requirements:

#### TALKING POINTS

1. We need safe drinking water! DEP's proposal will go a long way towards ensuring that our drinking water supplies will not have unsafe levels of total dissolved solids (TDS). DEP should not weaken their proposed discharge standard for TDS.
2. We need these regulations to be in place as soon as possible to protect our rivers and drinking water. DEP should stop giving out more drilling permits until wastewater rules are in place. DEP should also stop allowing existing or proposed wastewater plants to pollute our rivers unless they follow these new rules.
3. DEP should add discharge standards for those contaminants that are frequently found in Marcellus Shale gas drilling wastewater. These would include bromides, arsenic, benzene, radium, magnesium, and possibly others. Many of these contaminants are very difficult for drinking water systems to remove.
4. DEP needs to ensure that all aspects of the generation of Marcellus wastewater are regulated. Currently there are no requirements to track wastewater from drilling sites to treatment plants. There should be a "Record of Responsibility", a paper trail of the quantity of frackwater being transported and signed receipts for each delivery. In addition, there should be strict oversight over the reuse of Marcellus wastewater.

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If you are unable to attend a hearing, please submit comments via e-mail or USPS. Groups should also submit their own comments and also get their members to write their individual comments.

Please take the time to submit your written comments to:

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Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

[regcomments@state.pa.us](mailto:regcomments@state.pa.us)

Details on the regulations:

<http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol39/39-45/2065.html>

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