
From: Douglas Quint [dquint@econlit.org]
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Subject: Public Input Sought on Proposals to Strengthen Oil and Gas Well Protections Statewide Meetings Planned

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The Environmental Quality Board is inviting the public to comment on proposed regulatory changes that will substantially improve the safety of oil and gas wells across Pennsylvania and protect the state's water resources from contamination.

Dear Sirs,

Please ensure the safety of operating, maintaining and decommissioning of oil and gas wells across Pennsylvania. Rules and regulations should be given ample public review BEFORE any commercial activity begins. All drilling should stop until these rules have been reviewed and revised, the process and materials used are clearly defined and regulated and contingencies and responsibilities agreed upon when problems or damage is caused.

I am most concerned that commercial operators will leave conditions that will contaminate our state's groundwater and leave brown fields. This damage will not be discovered until long after the guilty parties have disbanded or gone bankrupt and once again the state and its citizens will be forced to pay for clean up.

Today there are reports another gas well explosion:

2 killed in Indiana Twp. gas well explosion
Friday, July 23, 2010
By Jim McKinnon and Dante Anthony Fuoco, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10204/1074835-100.stm>

Clearly profits are being placed before safety in a headlong rush for revenue it is the Commonwealth's duty to keep us safe.

Sincerely,
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