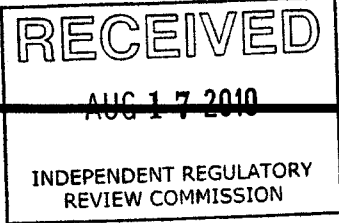


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Irrevocable changes will be made by the haphazard drilling of the Marcellus Shale Formation for gas. This is not "new" gas as the proponents of drilling keep telling us. This is gas that has been known about for a very long time. Historically, we knew that it was too costly, environmentally and technically, to retrieve. However, the current abandonment of responsibility towards environmental stewardship has allowed us to deceive ourselves into thinking that drilling for this gas will solve our energy problems, when in actuality, it will only exacerbate our problems. We will not solve our energy problems until we change our gluttonous ways. We know that our water and our woodlands are precious commodities. Let's start working in Pennsylvania to protect our bounty. Let's start showing the rest of the country that we respect our water and our woodlands. If we don't recognize the value our own resources, who will? (Certainly not out-of-state mining corporations!)

History will not look kindly upon us if we go ahead with the rape of our watersheds and woodlands for the collection of natural gas which will literally go up in smoke.

Sincerely, Diana Beausang