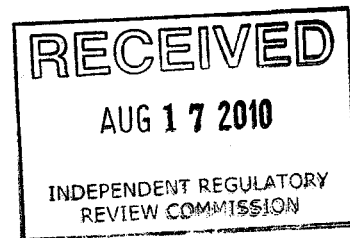


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Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 9:54 AM
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Subject: Chapter 78 Regulations



To members of the Environmental Quality Board,

Please include the language proposed by the Harvey Consulting report in the new Chapter 78 regulations.

Examples of the Harvey Report recommendations include:

#1 – Cement. Compared to PA law, Texas requires a 72-hour compressive strength standard for cement of at least 1,200 psi where the well bore passes through aquifers and drinking water. By comparison, PA DEP’s definition for cement sets a 24-hour compressive strength standard of at least 500 psi. Texas has found that standard insufficient to prevent vertical migration of fluids or gas behind pipe. The Harvey report suggests that PA adopt the stricter standards enforced in Texas.

#2 - Protection of Water Supplies. EQB has not made any revisions to set a timeframe for acting upon a complaint filed for pollution of a water supply as a result of drilling or operating a gas well. Experience tells us that folks without water are often ignored for weeks, as gas-drilling companies deny responsibility for polluting drinking water supplies and tie things up in court. The Harvey recommendations demand a response within 24 hours.

#3 - Blowout Preventer. We need only look to the BP disaster in the Gulf and the recent gas well blowout in Clearfield to know the grave danger of well blowouts. Injury, fire, explosion, spills, gas venting, equipment damage, water pollution, and other environmental destruction and are possible. The Harvey report suggests that ALL wells should be drilled with a Blow-Out Preventer. No exceptions.

Clean water is a constitutional right of all Pennsylvanians and should not be compromised for short-term profits.

Thank You

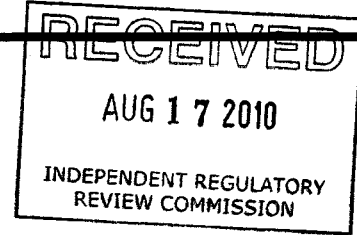
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