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**Subject:** Proposals to Strengthen Oil and Gas Well Protections

This e-mail is being sent to support further regulation on drilling in the Marcellus Shale. There is mounting evidence that more protections must be placed on gas drilling to protect the state's water supply. The recent incident at Punxsutawney Hunting Club 36H Well is one example of this evidence.

(<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/minres/oilgas/PunxsutawneyHuntingClub36HWell%20Report/EOG.htm>). Further, the NY state senate recently approved a 9 mo. moratorium on gas drilling permits. HB2235 of PA is "an Act providing for a moratorium on leasing State forest lands for the purposes of natural gas exploration, drilling or production; imposing duties on the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; and providing for report contents and for Legislative Budget and Finance Committee study."

([http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/bill\\_history.cfm?syear=2009&sind=0&body=H&type=B&bn=2235](http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/bill_history.cfm?syear=2009&sind=0&body=H&type=B&bn=2235))

As a citizen of Clinton County, I am in full support of HB2235, and strongly encourage the DEP to strengthen protections on oil and gas drilling in the state.

Thank you

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