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From: Margaret Cronin [mcronin@bucknell.edu]
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To: EP, RegComments
Subject: CH 78 Regulations

Dear Environmental Quality Board members:

I am writing to ask that the EQB include the language proposed by the Harvey Consulting report in the new Chapter 78 regulations. We are at a serious crossroads here in Pennsylvania where we must give full attention and protection to the environment (and by extension, our health) even as we seek to capitalize on the economics of the so-called "gas boom." Because of the Halliburton loophole, the gas and oil industry has escaped full accountability where air and water quality are concerned. It is therefore up to agencies like yours to do what they can to regulate this industry and protect non-negotiable resources such as air and water by instituting proper cement standards for wells, requiring timely attention to and resolution of complaints about air & water pollution, and requiring blow-out preventers.

The Harvey Report recommendations would strengthen the Chapter 78 Regulations, thereby giving Pennsylvania a fighting chance at maintaining healthy air & water quality. We can't afford NOT to implement these recommendations. Please prioritize the health of Pennsylvania's environment (a& the Chesapeake Bay Watershed) as well as the health of our state's citizens by adopting the Harvey Report's recommendations in your proposal.

Thank you for your time.

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