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To Whom it May Concern,

I have grave concerns about the risk involved with mining the Marcellus Shale. Pennsylvania is a state that has clean water, a resource that is known to be diminishing in the US and the world. Until the natural gas can be collected with little or no risk, it seems fool hardy to put the Susquehanna and the Delaware at risk as well as the smaller rivers and streams and other aquifers. Surely this mining could damage the Chesapeake Bay as well. I am from Clearfield County and I know the damage that can be done to streams as well as the risks associated with "fracking".

In addition to water quality issues, I have concern about the use of tons, literally, of surface water and the damage to the streams from lowered water levels. Not to mention aquatic animals that are sucked up with the water.

The environment suffers from an overload of human chemical overload as it is.

With the potential fuels to be mined, it will take moral courage and conviction for our state's government to protect the interests of the citizens rather than the interests of big business. I recently heard of a large deposit of gas under lake Baikal in Siberia - an extremely unique (like the Pennsylvania Highlands) area. They said they were taking it very slowly in order to protect the environment. This coming from a very poor nation.

I respectfully request that the EQB include the language proposed by the Harvey Consulting report in the new Chapter 78 regulations.

Are we trading drinking water for (non-potable) natural gas?

Thank you,

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