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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

As one of thousands of Pennsylvanians with wells, I am concerned with the current conditions under which gas wells are being drilled.

If we are going to permit drilling in the Marcellus Shale, we need effective regulations for the construction of wells so that toxic chemicals cannot infiltrate our ground water. The drillers should pay a fee sufficient enough to pay for inspection of wells by qualified personnel. Homeowners should be provided with a means of remediation funded by the driller should their wells be contaminated.

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