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March 19, 2013

Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

**Re: PA Environmental Quality Board final-omitted regulation #7-479 "Emergency Response Planning at Unconventional Well Sites" (IRRC #2986)**

Dear Honorable Board of Commissioners,

These comments are submitted on behalf of the Marcellus Shale Coalition (MSC), a regional trade association with a national membership. The MSC was formed in 2008 and is currently comprised of approximately 300 producing and supply chain members who are fully committed to working with local, county, state and federal government officials and regulators to facilitate the development of the natural gas resources in the Marcellus, Utica and related geological formations. Our members represent many of the largest and most active companies in natural gas production, transmission, and gathering in the country, as well as the suppliers and contractors who service the industry.

The MSC welcomes the opportunity to comment on your consideration of the proposed "Emergency Response Planning at Unconventional Well Sites" regulations. The subject regulations were developed in a collaborative fashion between the MSC, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Authority (PEMA).

These draft regulations are consistent with one of the MSC's guiding principles: "We provide the safest possible workplace for our employees, with our contractors, and in the communities in which we operate". We support the adoption of the regulations and look forward to working with DEP and PEMA on their successful implementation.

Yours very truly,

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