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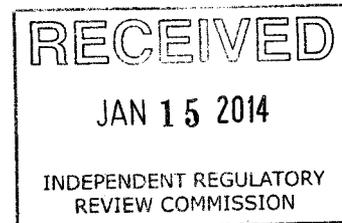


**Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites**

**The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) has received the following comments regarding the above-referenced proposed rulemaking.**

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Please extend the public comment period to at least 120 days and hold more hearings in affected counties. We need public participation, especially since Gov Corbett has given preferential treatment to the gas and oil industries at the expense of Pennsylvanians. These are my suggestions:

1. All chemicals used in the drilling process must have predetermined safe and toxic levels approved by the appropriate government agency for human and environmental health standards.
2. Operators must restore contaminated drinking water to a quality that meets standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act.
3. All drillers must use a consistent list of parameters for predrill water testing, which DEP, only, must establish before the proposed regulatory changes are adopted.
4. All drillers must make predrill data available to the public.
5. Operators must be prohibited from using open pits for storage of all substances used in the drilling process.
6. Prohibit onsite processing of shale drill cuttings.
7. Define 'freshwater' that is used in oil and gas operations. Protect our fresh water resources.
8. Apply US Resource Recovery and Conservation Act standards to regulate all aspects of the storage, transport, and use of materials contained in pits, centralized impoundments and tanks.
9. Prohibit the burial or land application of drill cuttings.
10. Prohibit the onsite burial of waste pits.
11. Prohibit the use of brine for dust suppression, de-icing and road stabilization.
12. Prohibit the land application of tophole water, pit water, fill or dredged material.

13. Industry and state must identify orphaned and abandoned gas and oil wells.
14. Industry and state must identify existing wells before site and well construction and drilling.
15. Drillers must plug and seal or otherwise appropriately address abandoned and orphaned wells according to state safety standards.

Pennsylvanians have a constitutional right to clean air, water and a healthy environment.

It is the purpose and role of government to protect our health and environment.

Pennsylvania must invest in alternative, non-carbon, energy sources. This will generate jobs now and into the future.

Thank you

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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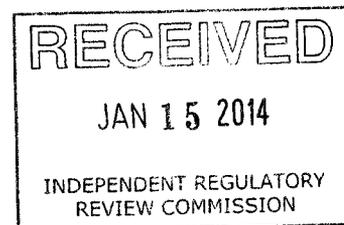


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Here are my recommendations:

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When it comes to waste disposal, drilling company operators should follow the federal regulation of hazardous substances that other industries have to follow.

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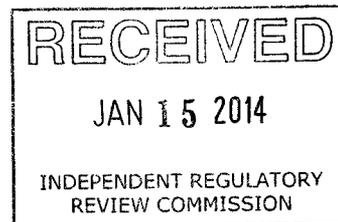


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Thanks for taking the time to make your voice heard. This is an important opportunity to change the future of our state.

Regards,

Jim Murphy

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