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



**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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Dear Board Members,

I lease my land for oil and gas development and I receive royalty payments for production from conventional oil and gas wells. It has come to my attention that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has proposed changes in regulations affecting the oil and gas business.

I understand that these new and modified regulations will unnecessarily increase costs for oil and gas companies, and will be particularly costly for companies operating conventional oil and gas wells, such as those found in our area. While the regulations will significantly increase costs, the regulations will not result in significant environmental benefits in the conventional oil and gas industry.

The oil and gas industry is vital as an economic engine as well as a job supplier. As a taxpayer, I rely on the money I receive from the oil and gas development on my property, especially during these difficult economic times. The increase in costs for the oil and gas industry will directly affect my financial situation and will ultimately lessen my income. Ironically, under existing regulations, the conventional oil and gas industry has had a minimal impact on our environmental resources. So then, why do the new regulations make such significant changes to the conventional oil and gas industry?

I strongly oppose these new regulations. In addition to causing severe economic harm to the oil

and gas industry, they will have detrimental effects to the community as a whole. More regulations, at a time when the economy is so unstable, is reckless and will only damage our economy further. And, all of these negative consequences will result from new regulations that will bring insignificant environmental benefits.

For these reasons it is important that these new regulations not be passed in their current form. Please vote "NO" to the current regulations until they are altered to account for the economic well-being of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,  
Marcia A. Avey

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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