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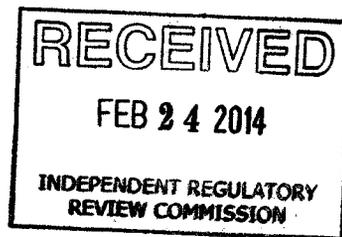


Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites

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

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Comments entered:

My name is David Moorehead
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I live in Mt. Pleasant Twp. and have witnessed the onslaught of drilling activities here since 2008.

IT has completely changed our small, quiet community forever. Our air quality has been harmed by the sheer number of diesel engines used in drilling activities, including water trucks, compressor stations, and releases of who knows what. Roads are patches on patches. I've had truck drivers use my well kept yard as a turnaround. I feel as if we are the lab rats of the state here due to Range Resource's heavy handed approach in our area.

My biggest concern is the inevitable loss of property value from this activity. I have had to have an appraisal done for a divorce proceeding and know the value of my property, which is unique as it is a passive solar earth-shelter. After the divorce is final, will I have anything left to count as equity in my home.

Please strengthen the regulations to protect the citizens who have invested their lives in this area.

Sincerely, David M. Moorehead

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

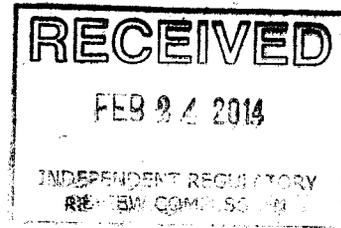
Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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RE: Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil & Gas Well Sites

Dear Board Members,

I applaud your decision to update Chapter 78 of the PA Code issued under the Oil & Gas Act, but urge you to strengthen some of these critical protections. Now is the time to make serious changes to these policies:

- Prohibit the use of open-air frack pits/impoundments, and require a closed-loop system that utilizes above ground tanks for storage of wastewater;
- Mandate standardized baseline testing and make that information available to the public;
- Require drilling companies to remediate contaminated water supplies to Safe Drinking Water Act standards;
- Compel companies to identify existing wells before new well construction in order to prevent negative impacts on water supplies and the environment;
- Make companies plug or seal (or otherwise appropriately address) abandoned and orphaned wells according to state safety standards prior to new well site construction.

I appreciate your consideration of these rule changes, and your dedicated efforts to keep my family and all Pennsylvania safe and healthy. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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