



## The Bradford Landmark Society

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Environmental Quality Board  
 P.O. Box 8477  
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Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Bradford oil and gas producers, I am writing to voice my concerns about the proposed changes to the Chapter 78 regulation that are currently being considered by your board.

I am a native of the Bradford area, and the daughter of an oil pumper. That may not mean anything to you, but here in Bradford, being associated with the oil industry in any fashion means something. I am also the town historian and I am not exaggerating when I say that our entire economy, history, employment, and way of life is and always has been, affected in some way by the oil industry.

The proposed change to Chapter 78 regulations would be a death blow to the local oil and gas producers, as well as American Refining Group, our town's refinery, which, incidentally is the world's oldest continuing oil refinery. We are a rural area. Our economy depends on the land and the oil that flows from it; but not just the oil and gas producers. Each integral part of our region: the banks, grocery stores, schools, hospitals, stores, industries, housing, and even the government would be affected in the most detrimental way possible by the change in regulations to conventional oil and gas wells.

As a very concerned citizen, I urge you to please vote NO on the proposed changes, and to continue to allow shallow wells to operate under regulations currently in place before passage of Act 13 of 2012, and instruct the DEP to apply changes to nonconventional deep wells only.

Please. It's just a change in regulations for you, but it's our way of life.

Sincerely,

*Sally Costik*  
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 Curator  
 Bradford Landmark Society

