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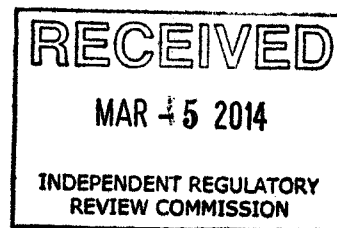
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Good Morning,

Attached is a form letter DEP has received regarding the Proposed Chapter 78 Environmental Protection and Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites. To date, we have received 705 copies of this letter.

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Dear Board Members:

I am a concerned citizen, not directly affiliated with the oil or gas industry, and am writing to voice my **opposition** to the proposed changes to the Chapter 78 regulations currently being considered by your board.

Shallow oil and gas wells have operated in my area for over 150 years and their footprint on the environment has been minimal. As I understand the proposed regulatory changes, they would be very detrimental and too costly for the operators of shallow wells to comply with.

If we lose our local oil and gas producers, it would cause an increase in unemployment, loss of production vital to our local refinery, and take millions of dollars out of our already suffering local economy.

Please vote "NO" on the proposed changes to regulations, as they apply to conventional oil and gas wells. Allow the shallow wells to operate under the regulations in place before passage of Act 13 of 2012 and instruct the DEP to apply changes to nonconventional, deep wells ONLY.

Sincerely,

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