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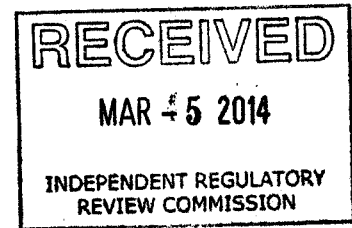
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**Subject:** Proposed Rulemaking - Chapter 78 Form Letter #4  
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Good Morning,

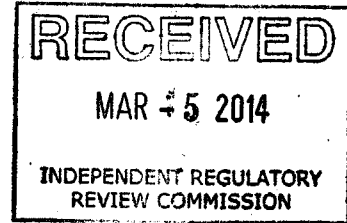
Attached is a form letter DEP has received regarding the Proposed Chapter 78 Environmental Protection and Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites. We have labeled this one "Form Letter #4". To date, we have received 453 copies of this letter.

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Dear Board Members:

I am writing to ask that the proposed revisions to PADEP's oil and gas rules not be finalized in their current form. I am a property owner who earns royalty revenue from oil and gas activity on my land, and I am concerned that the added burden of as much as \$100 million per year could significantly harm the industry while providing little or no added benefit to the environment.

On a daily basis, I see that Pennsylvania's environment is in good hands with the oil and gas industry. Those who work on my property and others I encounter in this industry live, work and play in the same areas where the oil and gas industry operates, and they all share a passion for protecting the Commonwealth's natural resources. It is obvious that they - like me - want to pass on the legacy of a clean, healthy environment to our children and grandchildren.

I understand that regulations are necessary and must be updated periodically to match current laws and industry best practices. At the same time, however, the costs of regulations cannot outweigh their benefits. Many parts of these proposed rules go beyond what is called for under existing laws and impose requirements that go further than what is needed to effectively protect our environment. I am concerned that the result will be fewer oil and gas wells drilled, which will mean smaller royalty payments for me and my neighbors. For many of us, royalty revenue has breathed new life into family farms and small businesses all across Pennsylvania. Decreased oil and gas activity will also mean fewer jobs in the industry and in the communities that support it, at a time when we desperately need more jobs. It will also mean less tax revenue for all levels of government, placing even greater burdens on already-stressed government services.

Please vote "no" to adopting this rule unless it is substantially revised to reflect full consideration of the costs and benefits of the regulation. Show us that the wellbeing of our people and the prosperity of our communities are every bit important as Pennsylvania's natural resources.

Sincerely,

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