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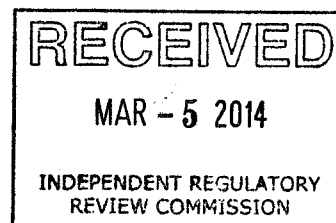
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Good Afternoon,

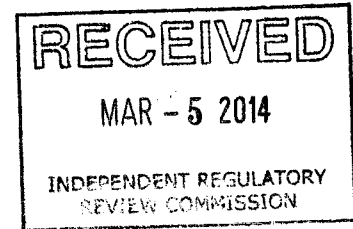
Attached is a form letter DEP has received regarding the Proposed Chapter 78 Environmental Protection and Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites. We have labeled this one "Form Letter #2(b)". It is slightly different than Form Letter #2(a). To date, we have received 17 copies of this letter.

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Environmental Quality Board  
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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. My wife's job relies on Pennsylvania having a healthy and robust conventional oil and gas industry, and I am concerned that the added burden of increased regulation and associated costs could significantly harm the industry while providing little or no added benefit to the environment.

Shallow oil and gas wells have been drilled and operated around where we live for many years and their footprint on the environment has been minimal. From what I see, Pennsylvania's environment is in good hands with the oil and gas industry. Those that work 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. It is obvious to me that the onset of Marcellus shale drilling has sparked these proposed changes, so why not concentrate on regulating that portion of the industry and leave the conventional industry as it currently is? When applied to conventional operators, 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 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. Fewer oil and gas wells will also mean less oil and gas supply which will once again increase our dependence on other countries for our energy needs.

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, the prosperity of our communities, and our energy future are every bit as important as Pennsylvania's natural resources.

Sincerely,

  
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