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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 #5". To date, we have received 206 copies of this letter.

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I am opposed to the new chapter 78 regulations being adopted into law. They were written to regulate the Marcellus wells, but they also include the conventional well operators.

The Marcellus shale wells and the conventional wells are two completely different industries. They should not have the same regulations.

These new regulations will do great harm to the conventional operators. The added cost of trying to comply with these new regulations will force many operators out of business. Which in turn will close our refinery. The refinery will not have enough Penn Grade Crude oil to keep running and make a profit.

The refinery along with the producers already operate with a small profit margin. The difficult economics are reflected in shrinking conventional oil and gas production, new conventional well completions have dropped from nearly 5000 wells six years ago to less than 1000 this past year. The conventional oil and gas industry is already in difficulty.

The conventional wells have been here for over 150 years and have left a very small foot print on the environment. They should have their own inspectors and revert back to the regulations of the Oil and Gas Act of 1984, as nothing has changed in that industry.

The regulations in both industries should be enforced with reasonable and knowledgeable enforcement.

Please vote no to these regulations until they exclude the conventional wells. Thank you.

Sincerely,

