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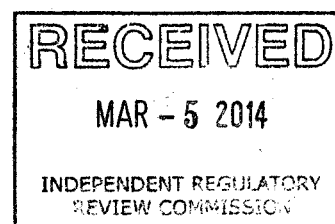
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Good Afternoon,

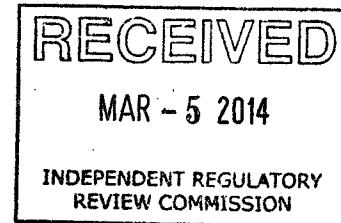
Attached is a form letter DEP has received regarding the Proposed Chapter 78 Environmental Protection and Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites. We have labeled this one "Form Letter #9". To date, we have received 134 copies of this letter.

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DATE: _____

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Dear Board Members:

I am the operator of shallow, conventional wells in Pennsylvania and have been made aware of the regulations currently being considered for approval by your board. **I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of those regulations.**

Shallow oil and gas wells have operated in this state for over 150 years and regulations currently governing those wells have been more than adequate to protect the environment while allowing producers to operate profitably through most of those years.

I can assure you that legacy wells that produce gallons of oil per day, or a small amount of MCF's of gas, will not be able to tolerate the cost of these additional regulations. This will result in more unemployment, loss of production vital to our local refinery, the reduction of our local tax base and cause harm to all the local businesses that depend on the millions of dollars our production puts in the local economy. Also, forcing small producers out of business may add thousands of wells to the abandoned well list the state will be burdened with plugging.

Drilling and producing conventional wells must not be regulated by the same set of rules as deep, shale unconventional wells. The regulation package as it now stands is overly broad, burdensome and time consuming without adding meaningful protection to the environment.

I urge you to vote **NO** to these proposed regulations and allow conventional wells to operate under the effective regulations in place before the passage of Act 13 of 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Reichard".