

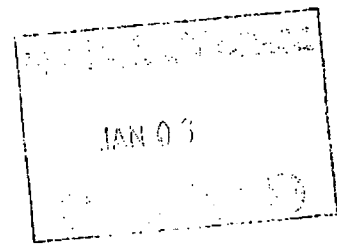
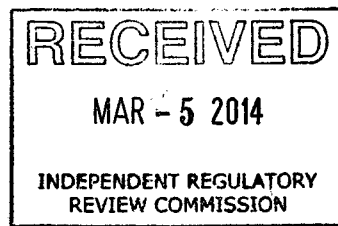
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Environmental Quality Board
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Dear Board Members:

I am the president of Sylvan Surveys, Inc. We are a small surveying firm in northwestern Pennsylvania. Sylvan Surveys provides surveying services to many businesses connected to the conventional oil and gas industry. I am writing because I am worried about the harmful effect that the DEP's proposed oil and gas regulations will have on the oil and gas industry and, in turn, on our local economy as well as my business.

I understand the proposed regulations will increase costs for oil and gas companies. This will be particularly hard for the conventional oil and gas companies that are in my area. These companies are small businesses and the conventional wells they produce do not make large volumes of oil and gas. I am worried about how they will be able to pay for compliance with these new regulations.

The increase in costs to the conventional oil and gas companies will tighten an already tight situation for those companies and their employees. This will cause a decrease in my business and in the other businesses patronized by the owners and employees of the conventional oil and gas industry. Given the recession and our shrinking population such decreases can have a devastating ripple effect.

I am also worried about the lack of balance between the need for change and the cost. The conventional oil and gas industry has been in our community for over a century and the environmental impact is small. We live and work in the presence of the industry without incident. In making regulatory changes that include large unconventional wells with small conventional operations the DEP did not properly analyze the costs to the small conventional oil and gas businesses. I believe that other alternatives should have been considered.

The conventional oil and gas industry is vital to our community as a job supplier and as a patron of my business. It is important that these new regulations not be passed in their current form. Please vote "NO" to the current policies until they are altered to support the economic well-being of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

A. Michael Aimonetti, PLS