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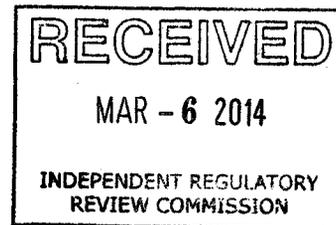
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Subject: Proposed Rulemaking 7-484 - Chapter 78 Form Letter Catalyst Energy (b)
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Good Morning,

Attached is a form letter DEP has received regarding the Proposed Rulemaking 7-484 - Chapter 78 Environmental Protection and Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites. We have labeled this one "Catalyst Energy (b)". To date, we have received 12 copies of this letter.

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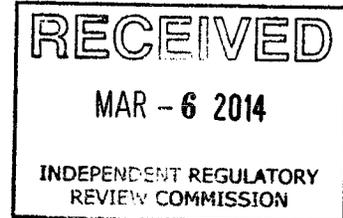
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To Whom It May Concern,

As an employee of Iron Carey, LLC, I am providing the following comments to the proposed revisions to Chapter 78 by the PA Department of Environmental Protection. Iron Carey LLC is a well drilling, stimulation, and servicing company for the conventional oil & gas industry in northwest Pennsylvania.

I object to all proposed revisions to Chapter 78 and recommend that separate oil & gas regulations be drafted for conventional and unconventional operations. At a minimum, exemptions should be put in place so the proposed regulations do not affect operators of oil & gas wells less than 3,000 feet deep. Proposed regulations for pits should have an exemption for pits less than 1,000 bbl in volume.

I work on a hydraulic fracturing crew that operates a single pump truck for each frac job. Every day, DEP personnel are present to ensure that our jobs are being conducted within the current regulations, which is perfectly acceptable. Adding more requirements, as seen in the proposed revisions to Chapter 78, will give DEP more unnecessary leverage to cite and fine us for items that do not clearly benefit the environment. We are already hypersensitive to the regulations because the DEP inspectors' interpretations of current regulations changes daily with no explanation. More vague regulations will give DEP more room to interpret them.

The history of conventional oil & gas operations in Pennsylvania goes back over 150 years. These proposed regulations in combination with recently enacted Act 13 threaten to end conventional oil & gas. I work hard for my paycheck and would expect that the government would work hard to maintain my job, not threaten to end it. Please vote "no" to the proposed changes to Chapter 78.

Sincerely,

Dustin Vanhorn

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