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Subject: Proposed Rulemaking 7-484 - Chapter 78 Form Letter #14
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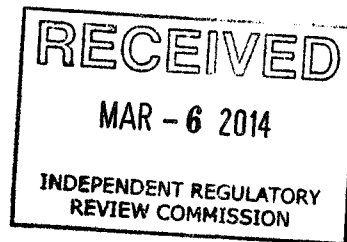
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Good Morning,

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 "Form Letter #14". To date, we have received 99 copies of this letter.

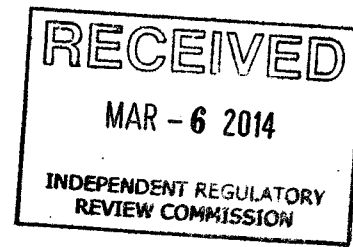
I previously sent this Form Letter and mis-numbered it as Form Letter #13. I recalled that message, please delete it if it did not recall.

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Dear Board Members:

I work at Frank Roberts & Sons, Inc. and much of our business comes from the conventional oil and gas industry. For this reason, I am writing to express my concern about the proposed changes in regulations affecting the oil and gas business.

The proposed regulations will result in increased costs for oil and gas companies. The conventional oil and gas companies will suffer significantly from these added costs. The profit margins in conventional oil and gas wells are low. 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.

As conventional oil and gas activity shrinks, Frank Roberts & Sons, Inc. is hurt. In turn, the cost of the proposed regulations will further hurt Frank Roberts & Sons, Inc.. The state has not done an adequate job of analyzing this harmful economic impact. Sadly, this harmful impact is being proposed even though the conventional oil and gas industry has had a very small impact on the environment. The proposed regulations do not take into account the small footprint, the minimal truck traffic, and small volumes of fluids involved in the conventional oil and gas industry. The cost of the proposed regulations is not justified.

Every day I see how important the oil and gas business is to our local economy. The proposed regulations are going to unnecessarily hurt our local economy. It is important that these new regulations not be passed in their current form. Please vote "NO" to the current regulations until their harmful economic impact is properly analyzed and until the regulations are altered to support the economic well-being of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Roberts".

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