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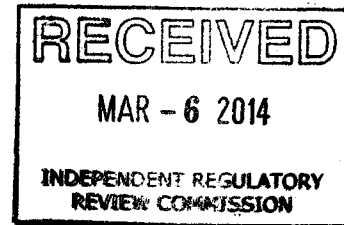
Form Letter X

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**Cc:** EP, MS Development  
**Subject:** FW: Please Reject New Rules that Will Needlessly Undermine Energy Development in Pennsylvania

Good Afternoon,

Below is an email form letter that DEP has received regarding the Proposed Chapter 78 Environmental Protection and Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites. We have labeled this one "Please Reject New Rules that Will Needlessly Undermine Energy Development in Pennsylvania". To date, we have received 138 emails of this form letter.

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**From:** Katie Wright [<mailto:katie.k.wright@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 05, 2014 1:45 PM  
**To:** EP, RegComments  
**Subject:** Please Reject New Rules that Will Needlessly Undermine Energy Development in Pennsylvania

Dear PA Environmental Quality Board: I am writing today in reference to Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposed Amendments to Pa. Code § 78 (Relating to Oil and Gas Wells). I urge you not to enact any regulations that would hurt natural gas production in Pennsylvania. As member of Pennsylvania's energy sector, I know firsthand that our industry is committed to safety and environmental protection. Improving technologies and practices have made energy development safer, while also increasing production. As you know, Pennsylvania's natural gas production has increased dramatically over the last five years. Our state has gone from being an importer of natural gas to a net exporter. The natural gas industry is supporting hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvania jobs. Not only is natural gas production helping Pennsylvania businesses and workers, but it's also helping provide revenue for public services. Since 2008, the natural gas industry has paid over \$1.7 billion in taxes. Through the Act 13 impact fee program, over \$400 million in revenue has been provided to local communities. These benefits can continue for decades to come if the Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board takes a balanced approach to revising regulations that provides safeguards without imposing costly, unnecessary regulations on energy development. Please keep this in mind as you revise the state's oil and gas regulations. Thank you. Sincerely, Katie Wright 8721 Oak Leaf Dr Alexandria, VA 22309-4032