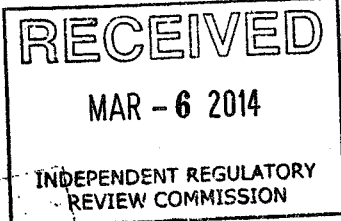


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MCKEAN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



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Environmental Quality Review Board
P.O. Box 8477
Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-8477

Dear Board Members,

We are writing to express our strong concern regarding the proposed regulations for Oil and Gas surface activities and the effect these regulations will have on our conventional gas drilling industry.

The conventional shallow oil and gas drilling firms have been part of the backbone of McKean County's economic history for over a century. We are firm in our belief that deep well drilling and shallow well drilling are distinct and separate industries with unique opportunities and challenges and as such should be evaluated differently.

Regulations that have been in place for years provide proper oversight of the industry. The passage of Act 13 places an unnecessary burden on the small business owners and their families by assigning additional financial hardship on their operations.

Our small producers cannot stay viable under the new regulations and as the business community sets its goal on improving the county and regional economy, by being competitive and supplying our local refineries with Pennsylvania crude oil, these regulations are absolutely counterproductive to that goal.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

The members of the McKean County Industrial Development Authority
The members of the McKean County Industrial Development Council

CC: Senator Joe Scarnati Pro Tempore
State Representative Marty Causer
State Representative Kathy Rapp