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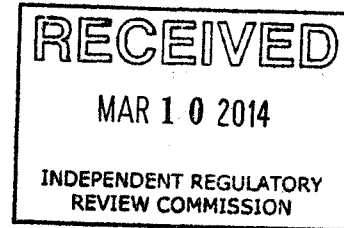


**Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites**

**The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) has received the following comments regarding the above-referenced proposed rulemaking.**

Commentor Information:

Richard Van Aken  
([candyo\\_1@juno.com](mailto:candyo_1@juno.com))  
68 Murray Rd.  
Holland, PA 18966 US



Comments entered:

After visiting Allegheny National Forest a number of times and witnessing the impact of drilling I'm opposed to any further drilling on state lands. The negatives far outweigh the positives for the environment and the people. The beneficiaries will not be the above entities. The impacts of drilling are permanent and will go on long afterwards no matter how stringent the regulations nor strictness of enforcement of those regulations will prevent the continued degradation of land, water and other aspects of the environment.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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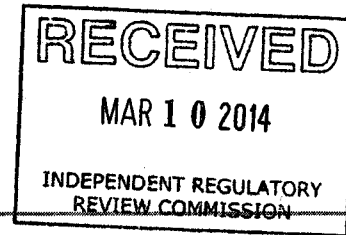


**Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites**

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Commentor Information:

Barbara Cicalese  
([bacicalese@comcast.net](mailto:bacicalese@comcast.net))  
16 W. Montgomery Ave. Apt. 10  
Ardmore, PA 19003 US



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Comments entered:

Strengthen the proposed rules for hydraulic fracturing

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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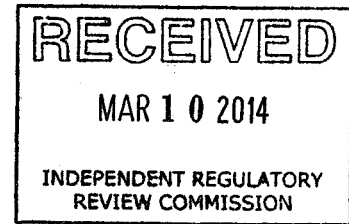


**Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites**

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Commentor Information:

Marc Marchioli  
([marc.e.marcsf@gmail.com](mailto:marc.e.marcsf@gmail.com))  
2617 Grandview Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235-2708 US



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Comments entered:

We already have some of the highest leukemia, lupus and autoimmune disease rates of any state. It's time to clean up our Pennsylvania lands and stop pollution. A few more jobs is not worth less years of life expectancy!

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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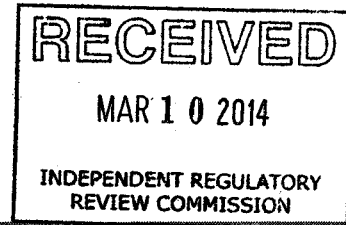


**Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites**

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Commentor Information:

Leslie Patrick  
 (lpatrick@bucknell.edu)  
 2460 Pleasant Grove Road  
 Mifflinburg, PA 17844 US



Comments entered:

Dear Department of Environmental Quality Board Members,

I am very concerned about the existing and potential impact to Pennsylvania's state and national parks from increased hydraulic fracturing. The proposed changes to Chapter 78 of the Pennsylvania Code simply do not do enough to protect Pennsylvania's state and national treasures.

I ask that three changes be made to the draft Chapter 78 rules:

1. Increase the setback for new wells near a publicly-owned park, forest, gameland, or wildlife area. Two hundred feet is simply not enough space to protect our parks from fracking impacts, including air and water contamination, wildlife habitat fragmentation, and disruption of pristine viewsheds. A setback of at least half a mile would provide stronger protections.
2. Include stronger provisions to find and plug off the state's 250,000 "orphaned or abandoned" wells. These wells are a danger for methane release and other chemical contamination.
3. Add language specifying that hydraulic fracturing will continue to be banned in the Delaware River Basin until a full environmental impact study is completed. The Delaware River Basin contains some of the most beautiful land in the country, hosts some of America's most visited national parks, provides clean drinking water for 15 million people, and is home to a rich diversity of wildlife. Permitting fracking to take place within the basin before potential impacts are understood could forever harm one of the greatest treasures of this state and the nation.

Thank you for taking all necessary steps to protect Pennsylvania's heritage.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Leslie Patrick

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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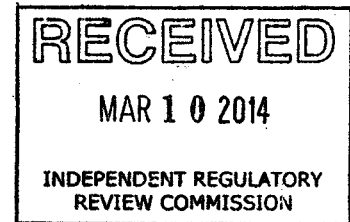


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Commentor Information:

James Brady  
Trout Unlimited ([jsbrady@bradygrabowski.com](mailto:jsbrady@bradygrabowski.com))  
569 Deer Hill Rd  
Shavertown, PA 18708 US



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Comments entered:

The parks are a gift to our children. Give it to them unblemished.

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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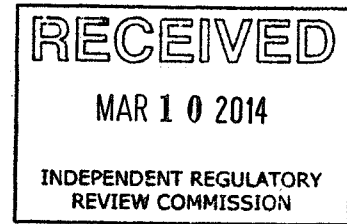


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Commentor Information:

jim barry  
concerned citizen ([car@jimbarryus.com](mailto:car@jimbarryus.com))  
1716 winding drive  
north wales, PA 19454 US



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Comments entered:

First off there are too many fracking permits issued in PA. Secondly, they can pump anything they want into the ground to frack the shale and there is no environmental oversight. they should stop all fracking until we are sure that it is safe and severely limit the number of fracking sites/permits

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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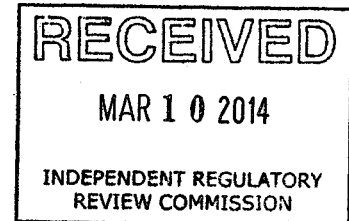


**Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites**

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Commentor Information:

Janet Dreher  
([jedreher@gmail.com](mailto:jedreher@gmail.com))  
112 iron works way  
wayne, PA 19087 US



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Comments entered:

Make that "Commenters" not "Commentators"

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

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Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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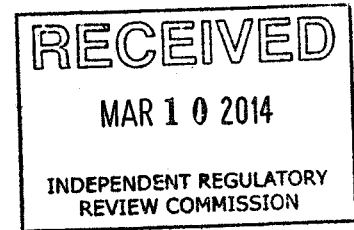


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Commentor Information:

Beverly Goskowski  
([beverly\\_rae@yahoo.com](mailto:beverly_rae@yahoo.com))  
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Hellertown, PA 18055-2212 US



Comments entered:

Dear Department of Environmental Quality Board,

Please know I am concerned about existing and potential impacts to Pennsylvania's state and national parks from increased hydraulic fracturing. Proposed changes to Chapter 78 of the Pennsylvania Code simply do not do enough to protect Pennsylvania's state and national treasures.

Particularly, three changes be made to the draft Chapter 78 rules:

1. Increase setback for new wells near a publicly-owned park, forest, gameland, or wildlife area. Two hundred feet is simply not enough space to protect our parks from fracking impacts, including air and water contamination, wildlife habitat fragmentation, and disruption of pristine viewsheds. A setback of at least half a mile would provide stronger protections.
2. Include stronger provisions to find and plug off the state's 250,000 "orphaned or abandoned" wells. These wells are a danger for methane release and other chemical contamination.
3. Add language specifying that hydraulic fracturing will continue to be banned in the Delaware River Basin until a full environmental impact study is completed. The Delaware River Basin contains some of the most beautiful land in the country, hosts some of America's most visited national parks, provides clean drinking water for 15 million people, and is home to a rich diversity of wildlife. Permitting fracking to take place within the basin before potential impacts

are understood could forever harm one of the greatest treasures of this state and the nation.

Please take all necessary steps to protect our air, water, and land.

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Sincerely,  
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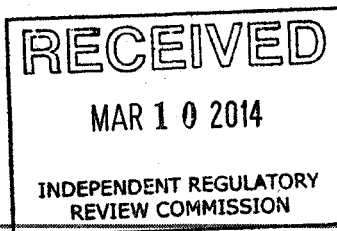


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Commentor Information:

Savanna Duffy  
 (shavanna8517@yahoo.com)  
 100 Camelot Dr  
 Butler, PA 16001 US



Comments entered:

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

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Sincerely,  
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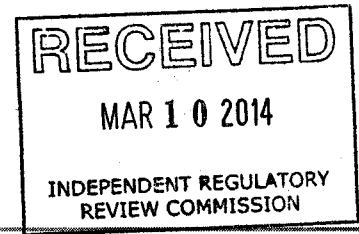


**Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites**

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Commentor Information:

David Clemens  
([daveclemens993@gmail.com](mailto:daveclemens993@gmail.com))  
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Milton, PA 17847-0276 US



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Comments entered:

Please do not allow fracking in our state parks and state forests. These lands are the taxpayer's, NOT Governor Corbett's!

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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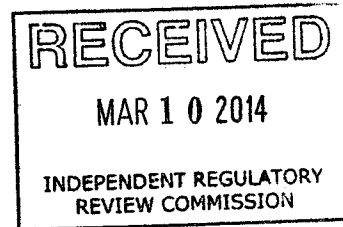


**Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites**

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Commentor Information:

JOHN WOOLRIDGE JR  
 SELF ([WOOL10@ATLANTICBB.NET](mailto:WOOL10@ATLANTICBB.NET))  
 113 ELIZABETH ST  
 CLEARFIELD, PA 16830 US



Comments entered:

PLEASE SUPPORT DRILLING AND FRACKING FOR OIL AND GAS. PLEASE FOLLOW YOUR EXCELLENT OVERSIGHT, LICENSING AND INSPECTION. THANK YOU.  
 JOHN R. WOOLRIDGE JR.

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
 Hayley Book

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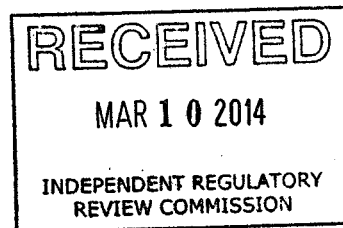


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Commentor Information:

JOan Dougherty  
human on earth ([jad3306@aol.com](mailto:jad3306@aol.com))  
3306 St DAvids Road  
Newtown Sq, PA 19073 US



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Comments entered:

Please keep our parks, forests and lands safe from Fracking...just ask Oklahoma how the earthquake was....Fracking at its finest!

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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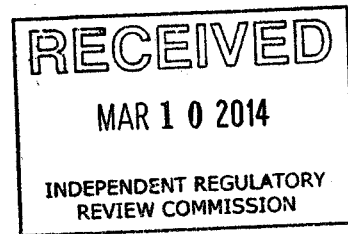


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Commentor Information:

Silvana Borrelli  
([Silbor13@verizon.net](mailto:Silbor13@verizon.net))  
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bala cynwyd, PA 19004 US



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Comments entered:

Please strengthen the proposed rules for hydraulic fracturing to protect our water, air, forests, and state and national parks.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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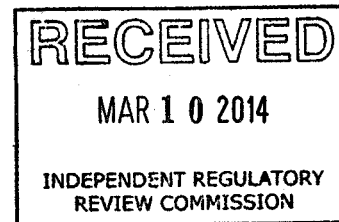


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David Casker  
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Comments entered:

I understand that the proposed regulations could fail to protect our state and national parks from known impacts of fracking, including air and water contamination, wildlife habitat fragmentation, and destruction of our parks' beautiful viewsheds. For example, the regulations would allow wells to be drilled just 200 feet away from our parks, and they fail to properly address Pennsylvania's 250,000 "orphaned or abandoned" wells. We need to strengthen, not weaken, regulations, so as to conform to the mandate of the Commonwealth's constitution:

ARTICLE I, SECTION 27. ADDED BY AMENDMENT OF MAY 18, 1971

Natural Resources and the Public Estate

The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.

[Source: 1971 Pa.Laws 769]

Thank you for your careful consideration.

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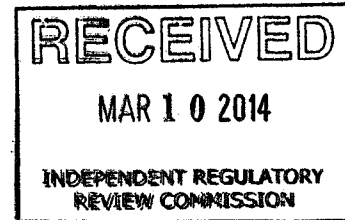


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Commentor Information:

Marcia Godich  
Dr. ([mvgodich@yahoo.com](mailto:mvgodich@yahoo.com))  
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Comments entered:

Increasing evidence is coming in that fracking has serious negative impacts on our environment. I realize that we want to become energy independent, and that our need for energy continues to increase, but what good does that energy do if we are poisoned by contamination and uprooted by earthquakes? The tax money needed to recoup may well be more than any gained. Surely there is enough private land available for fracking that the DPA can afford to move slowly and verify the risks and benefits before committing themselves to this potentially dangerous practice.

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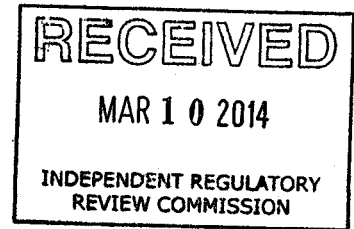


**Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites**

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Commentor Information:

Thomas Brenner  
citizen ([voofoo@aol.com](mailto:voofoo@aol.com))  
512 Bella St.  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 US



Comments entered:

This is an outrage, these parks belong to the citizen's of this state, not this governor or the drilling companies of Texas! I swear I will do all I can to show Corbett the door this Nov. This is nothing more than election play for "jobs"!

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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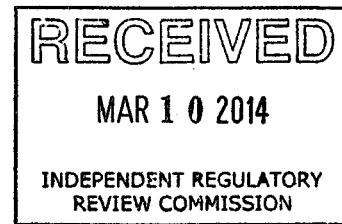


**Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites**

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Commentor Information:

Karl Hubert  
 (wendigo@gmail.com)  
 190 Bryden Court  
 Courtdale, PA 18704-1132 US



Comments entered:

Dear Department of Environmental Quality Board Members,

I am concerned about the existing and potential impacts to Pennsylvania's state and national parks from increased hydraulic fracturing. The proposed changes to Chapter 78 of the Pennsylvania Code simply do not do enough to protect Pennsylvania's state and national treasures.

I ask that three changes be made to the draft Chapter 78 rules:

1. Increase the setback for new wells near a publicly-owned park, forest, gameland, or wildlife area. Two hundred feet is simply not enough space to protect our parks from fracking impacts, including air and water contamination, wildlife habitat fragmentation, and disruption of pristine viewsheds. A setback of at least half a mile would provide stronger protections.
2. Include stronger provisions to find and plug off the state's 250,000 "orphaned or abandoned" wells. These wells are a danger for methane release and other chemical contamination.
3. Add language specifying that hydraulic fracturing will continue to be banned in the Delaware River Basin until a full environmental impact study is completed. The Delaware River Basin contains some of the most beautiful land in the country, hosts some of America's most visited national parks, provides clean drinking water for 15 million people, and is home to a rich diversity of wildlife. Permitting fracking to take place within the basin before potential impacts are understood could forever harm one of the greatest treasures of this state and the nation.

Thank you for taking all necessary steps to protect our heritage and our water. Clean water is kind of a big deal, being essential to life. "Donations" from lobbyists won't buy enough clean water when it's all poisoned by this currently unsafe process of obtaining the dregs of fossil fuels from the earth. It's long past time we kick our addiction to fossil fuels, so please stop giving the fossil fuel industry carte blanche to destroy not just Pennsylvania, but the planet.

Sincerely,  
Karl F. Hubert

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

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Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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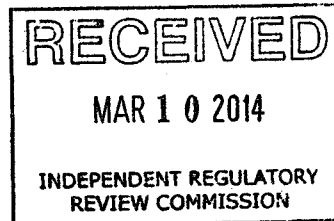


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Commentor Information:

Kelly Genovese  
([angelwolf31@yahoo.com](mailto:angelwolf31@yahoo.com))  
2034 Foxwood Drive  
Elizabeth, PA 15037 US



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Comments entered:

Please reconsider the decision you are making will last many lifetimes. Always consider the effects on the environment there are already differences I can see in Westmoreland County from drilling, the wildlife has decreased and the beauty has been compromised. National Parks are precious lands that should be preserved not recklessly drilled and fracked.

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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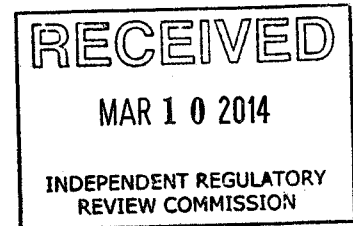


**Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites**

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Commentor Information:

Frank Fredenburg  
([flf1955@yahoo.com](mailto:flf1955@yahoo.com))  
188 Spruce Lake Drive  
Milford, PA 18337 US



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Comments entered:

Please be very careful with what you allow near our national parks.

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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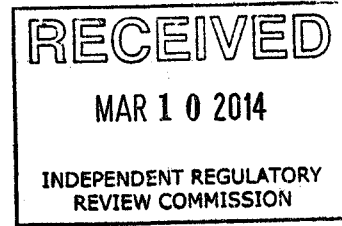


**Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites**

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Commentor Information:

Daniel iser  
([dpiser@gmail.com](mailto:dpiser@gmail.com))  
538 W. Ellet St 538 W. Ellet St  
Phila, PA 19119 US



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Comments entered:

[Click Here to Send Your Comments!](#)

(This link will take you to the Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection's form.)

Dear Daniel,

The state of Pennsylvania is currently redrafting regulations that govern state-wide hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," drilling operations.

Unfortunately, the proposed regulations could fail to protect our state and national parks from known impacts of fracking, including air and water contamination, wildlife habitat fragmentation, and destruction of our parks' beautiful viewsheds. For example, the regulations would allow wells to be drilled just 200 feet away from our parks, and they fail to properly address Pennsylvania's 250,000 "orphaned or abandoned" wells.

**Take Action:** Tell the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to strengthen the proposed rules for hydraulic fracturing to protect our water, air, forests, and state and national parks.

Here's how to submit your comments to the Department of Environmental Protection:

Step 1: Go to <http://www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/RegComments/default.aspx> and carefully read the tips for effectively submitting comments. Then click the "agree" button at the bottom.

Step 2: Please complete the comment form carefully and submit your comments by copying and pasting the sample message below into the web form, adding any personal observations or stories that support your comments.

Step 3: Once you have completed all of the required fields on the form, click the gray "submit comments" button at the bottom of the page. That's it!

#### Sample message/comments

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Thank you for taking all necessary steps to protect our heritage.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Piser

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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Director, Office of Policy



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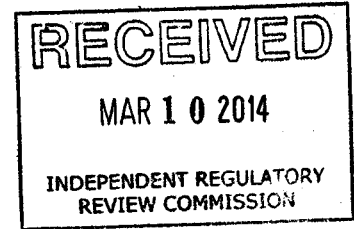


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Commentor Information:

M Solomon II  
([msolomii@gmail.com](mailto:msolomii@gmail.com))  
rauch st  
harrisburg, PA 17109 US



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Comments entered:

NO! to fracking! NO! to fracking on our PUBLIC lands! UNACCEPTABLE! These are our PUBLIC lands NOT "private" corporate lands, they have NO right to ruin these lands. NO right to ruin our air, water, soil! NO! to corporate-fascism in our so-called democracy.

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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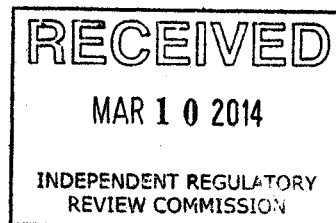


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Commentor Information:

John Comella  
retired ([john.comella1@gmail.com](mailto:john.comella1@gmail.com))  
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Philadelphia, PA 19103 US



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Comments entered:

Oil and gas well sites should be **STRONGLY** regulated AND **OVERSEEN** to protect people from being affected by contaminated air or drinking water. This is especially true of state forests and other wild spaces and also farmland.

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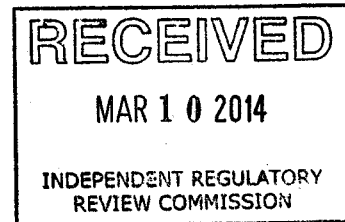


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Commentor Information:

Chris Chesire  
([teafrog1@aol.com](mailto:teafrog1@aol.com))  
2900 Brodhead Road  
Aliquippa, PA 15001 US



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Comments entered:

We need to strengthen the proposed rules for hydraulic fracturing to protect our water, air, forests, and state and national parks. Pennsylvania has a deplorable history when it comes to protecting "Penns Woods". Every law PA passes doesn't have to benefit some oil or gas company somewhere. I would like to see clean air and clean water here for future generations.

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Hayley Book

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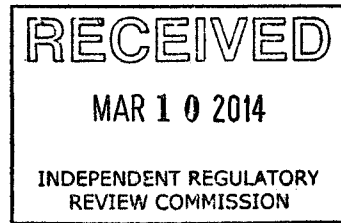


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Commentor Information:

s bartolone  
none ([ss69ssami@aol.com](mailto:ss69ssami@aol.com))  
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danville, PA 17821 US



Comments entered:

I wonder if the government will ever learn about protecting earth? people?, animals?, plants?, etc?.... We all can not live without water and you want to risk contamination of it????

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

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Sincerely,  
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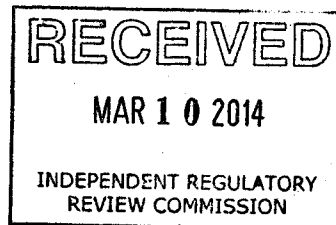


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Commentor Information:

James Merrell-Thomas  
([jamthomas@comcast.net](mailto:jamthomas@comcast.net))  
2213 Harmony Hill Drive  
Lancaster, PA 17601 US



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Comments entered:

Keep Fracking OUT of STATE PARKS!!!

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

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Sincerely,  
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