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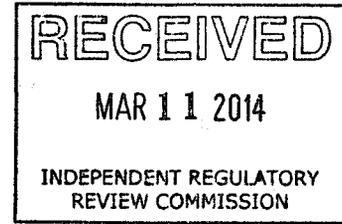


Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites

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

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EQB Hearing - Chapter 78 Oil and Gas Surface Activities - January 15 - Meadville PA - Testimony

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I am Mike Genz, professor at Edinboro University of PA, and a member of APSCUF, the professional organization representing over 6,000 faculty and coaches at the state's fourteen publicly owned universities. On Friday, September 20, 2013, at the legislative assembly in Harrisburg, a resolution that I initiated was voted on and approved against drilling on all of the fourteen state university campuses throughout the state of PA. We took this action because we believed that unconventional drilling is dangerous and harmful to people and the environment. We felt it had no place on university campuses. I come here tonight to address my key concerns about unconventional drilling as they relate to these new regulations. I first want to say that the DEP needs to have greater accountability and implement regular intervals in the monitoring of ground water, air, and land in all areas being affected by drilling. There needs to be public access to the data for all the violations committed by the gas and oil industry. There needs to be complete transparency on the specifics of those violations and the amount being fined. The funds then could be used to hire more staff to locate and identify abandoned wells so they can be permanently sealed to the highest standard to prevent future leakage. As a public employee, it is my concern and duty to ensure that the protection and safety of 120,000 students who are currently enrolled in the fourteen State System universities, have the constitutional right to pure water, air, and land.

Mike Genz