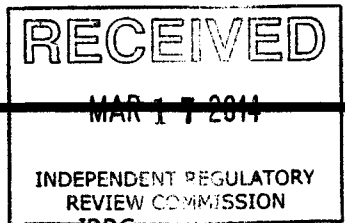


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Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites

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

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Section 78.68b. Temporary pipelines for Oil and gas gathering lines.

Too often, the entire length of pipeline corridor is cleared and graded all at once early in the project, and the cleared land (and any excavated trenches) remains in an unstabilized state for long periods of time, allowing unwanted non-point source runoff to occur. To eliminate these water quality (WQ) impacts construction should be phased to limit the areal extent and duration of earth disturbance and provide for more timely stabilization of at least those areas tributary to sensitive water resources (at least Exceptional or High Value Waters). Permanent stabilization should proceed IMMEDIATELY in sensitive areas once the pipe is placed in the ground and the trench backfilled. Since the core concept of these proposed amendments is the protection of public lands, this recommendation will decrease potential significant WQ impacts and better protect Waters of the State.

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