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Environmental Quality Board
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Dear Board Members

I own and operate 20 shallow oil and gas wells in Warren County, Pennsylvania.

I am considering if I can drill more wells.

I am aware of new regulations being considered by your board. I oppose passage of these regulations.

Shallow gas and oil wells have operated in our state for more than 140 years. The regulations currently governing these wells are more than adequate to protect the environment.

My existing old wells produce only a few gallons of oil per day. These wells will not be able to cover the cost of these additional regulations. The proposed new regulations will force me to terminate these old wells and reconsider drilling any additional wells.

Drilling and operating conventional wells must not be regulated by the same rules as deep wells. The regulation package as it stands is overly board and burdensome without adding meaningful protection to the environment.

Please vote "NO" to the proposed new regulations. Please allow conventional wells to operate under the same regulations in place before passage of Act 13 of 2012.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,


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