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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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Comments entered:

Hello and thank you for providing Pennsylvania residents such as myself the opportunity to voice our opinions about this matter. Although I realize that bringing Natural Gas companies into PA will provide long-needed financial stability to much of the region, I must state that this financial relief period will be brief. Yes local residents will have plenty of job opportunities and yes local communities will benefit from the business, but I believe the negatives of introducing more Natural Gas companies into our homes will significantly outweigh these pros. When I say negatives I speak of the environmental onslaught and cataclysm that will surely ensue long-term as well as short term. These companies promise "clean" energy that will provide our residents copious amounts of fuel to run our regions, but they fail to provide the facts behind this so called "clean" energy and the methods of its extraction. yes natural gas is by far a more safer and cleaner alternative to fossil fuels, but the methods in which it is extracted from underground are highly dangerous and environmentally destructive. Thousands of chemicals are tossed into the ground to break up and release this natural gas which seeps into the ground and can lead into the watershed, effecting not just our drinking/using supply, but also the natural wildlife's supply. Not to mention the many, many truckloads of water that must daily be transported in to further extract the gas. I know people from Bradford county, where Natural Gas companies have a firm foothold in, and daily they experience truck after truck of raw materials being transported in, including lots of water trucks, and trucks coming. The practice is just too damaging to everybody right now and I believe it's just to early to unveil this unwieldy method, implemented today. As a concerned citizen who grew up in Pennsylvania his whole life and as a PA college student who has yet to establish himself in the world, I don't believe this is what Pennsylvania needs. We

need to start re-affirming our positive influences on society, communities, and the environment and we can start now by cleaning out Pennsylvania of Natural Gas companies.

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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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