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Re: Advanced Notice of Final Rulemaking - Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites (7-484)

The following comments have been received regarding the above-referenced advanced notice of final rulemaking.

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I certainly would fully support any measures that can better protect, improve, and mitigate the damage this industry has already caused in areas that have already been drilled, however, I honestly can not, in good conscience, comment on, or support regulations that will essentially allow the further expansion of this extreme dangerous and destructive practice that will ultimately put other people, and other communities at risk.

By approving, or agreeing to establish more regulations is, in fact, a form of consent to allow more harm to the environment, the ecology, and to the people who live in the "sacrifice zones" of shale extraction. The risks are simply too great, too much damage has already been inflicted on too many people, and I believe it is irresponsible to attempt to regulate any activity when there is no remedy for the most predictable things that can go wrong.

Many communities, and grassroots organizations are currently working tirelessly to end the practice of extreme fossil fuel extraction in PA, and beyond, and that is where I must focus my energy.

I constantly hear our elected officials and regulatory agencies say that 'we must make our decisions based on science'. but they have failed to produce any scientific evidence that suggests this can be done safely, while they continue to ignore the mounting evidence that it can't.

If someone could show me a regulatory model that has successfully worked anywhere, I may

reconsider. However, to date, no one has been able to produce that model, and there is no indication that one exists.

The gas isn't going anywhere. Therefore, the only prudent and responsible thing to do would be to enact a statewide moratorium on all permits until independent, comprehensive, environmental and public health studies could be completed, peer reviewed, publicly discussed, and then decide what regulations, if any, could be established to protect the environment and ensure public safety.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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