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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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Comments entered:

1) DEP still allowing Drilling near EV and high quality watersheds...!?
 see DEP reg below; should not be allowed at ALL....
 DEP do not risk our EV and HQ watersheds with this toxic gas drilling; don't take such risks....protect our watersheds...

Page 17 : allows drilling near EV Watersheds and they simply ask for an erosion and sediment plan; are you kidding; should not be near any such watersheds; one mistake, and it's over...

h) AN APPLICANT PROPOSING TO DRILL A WELL THAT INVOLVES 1 TO 5 ACRES OF EARTH DISTURBANCE OVER THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT AND IS LOCATED IN A WATERSHED THAT HAS A DESIGNATED OR EXISTING USE OF HIGH QUALITY OR EXCEPTIONAL VALUE PURSUANT TO 25 PA. CODE CHAPTER 93 (RELATING TO WATER QUALITY STANDARDS) SHALL SUBMIT AN EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER 102 (RELATING TO EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL) WITH THE WELL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

2) and keep gas drilling at least 1,000 feet from private water wells and allow for up to 2 years or more to report changes in private water and public water by landowners and owners.. and make gas companies/gas drilling liable for water impacts from 1 mile away from water wells...and this includes oil drilling, too.

page 16 of the draft talks about distances from water sources and 1,000 feet is mentioned:

(vi) [In the case of an unconventional well, w] Within 1,000 feet of a water well, surface water intake, reservoir or other water supply extraction point used by a water purveyor.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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