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 Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites (7-484)



**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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Dear DEP,

I applaud your decision to ban open frack pits on well sites, but I urge you to take the proposed rule a step further by banning all frack pits that endanger Pennsylvania's drinking water and public health and require that all natural gas drilling waste be stored in enclosed tanks.

To ban some open frack pits on well sites, but not all such as centralized impoundments does not make sense. These larger frack pits are roughly the size of 2 football fields and can hold 15 million gallons of toxic wastewater. They pose a serious risk for contaminating ground and surface water supplies, releasing harmful toxins into the air, and harming wildlife. These issues have also led to the largest fines you've ever leveled against an operator. Hundreds of Pennsylvania families have already suffered water contamination from fracking. I want you to ban all frack pits today!

Please change the regulations to ban the use of all open-air frack pits, immediately close and clean up all existing pits, and require a closed-loop system that utilizes above ground tanks for storage of wastewater. If several other states like Illinois can ban dirty and dangerous open frack pits, Pennsylvania can too!

I appreciate your dedicated efforts to keep my family and all Pennsylvanians safe and healthy.

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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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