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My name is Dianne Connelly. I am a resident of Weatherburn Heights, Valencia PA. I am writing this letter in concern to the proposed fracking site at the adjacent Geyer farm. The Geysers have leased their land for the installation of 5 fracking wells. The permit is submitted and work may resume again soon. I need to voice my concerns about the potential safety issues with the upcoming site. The Geyer family, with signing their lease with the Rex Gas Company, has stipulations in place to place the wells as far away from their house as possible. This choice has now placed the proposed wells extremely, dangerously close to a brand new community which is full of very young children and babies (0.25 mile away). As it is known in the fracking process, there are toxic chemicals in the gases which cannot all be contained, and this is a valid worry for many of the parents of our community. Secondly, an even more worrisome concern is that if there was an explosion, the mothers of these small children would have difficulty executing an evacuation process. This is because it would be extremely difficult to load a baby and a toddler into a car and drive away in a brief period of time. I am not writing this letter in opposition of fracking, but due to the real dangers which could occur because of the close proximity of the site. Gas companies have an ethical responsibility to do their best to uphold the highest safety standards in their work which in turn should warrant keeping this dangerous activity away from large volumes of babies and children.

There are true dangers presented with the choice of their proposed location. I would like you to please review the demographics of our plan, and see that Rex's choice in choosing a location which has such a close proximity to a neighborhood of very small children (and the whole Mars School District) poses real, potential risks for our children. We need your assistance in protecting our young, vulnerable children. Furthermore, our anxieties are heightened due to the past Greene County explosion, and we truly need a reevaluation of the choice Rex made to place their wells on Denny Road. I want to thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope you can help us keep our children free from the real risks and dangers of the proposed well sites so very close to our children. Our children in Weatherburn will live, play, AND school in close proximity of this dangerous activity. They will not get even a one hour break from the fumes, lights, and noise. Pittsburgh does not have the best air quality to begin with so we should not compound the effects of more concentrated pollution on them. Large populations of children should not have to succumb to a blast of toxic, noxious chemicals.

Thank you,

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