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Subject: Comment notice for - Advanced Notice of Final Rulemaking - Environmental Protection 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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DEP Policy Office –

Thank you for the opportunity to comment to this proposed Advance Notice of Final Rulemaking of the Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites (Chapter 78 and 78a). These draft regulations reflect a responsiveness to public comments. While I appreciate and support many of the changes proposed in this current version of the proposed rules, there are certain areas that I would like to see strengthened still, for the protection of my community. In addition, I would like to thank DEP for the public comment period. It is essential that we have these rules on the books and implemented, and avoid further delay of these protections leaving our communities at risk.

I would like to express my support for the proposed addition of a noise standard in the rule, and also seek to clarify that standard by adding a quantitative standard of 45dBA or lower. Noise complaints from drilling operations and production have been some of the most pervasive concerns among residents living near gas wells, and a quantitative standard is a good step toward addressing such concerns. In addition, I would like to offer the following:

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