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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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There is no evidence that fracking and supporting infrastructure can operate without risks to human health. Yet there is a growing body of peer-reviewed science that provides significant evidence of the public health risks of shale oil and gas development. There is also no scientifically definitive setback distance that would prevent health and safety impacts from oil and gas infrastructure.

Given the accidents like explosions and fires that have occurred, and documented water and air pollution from oil and gas infrastructure, policy-makers should exercise the utmost precaution when making decisions that could impact children and other vulnerable populations. Children are especially vulnerable to environmental hazards and warrant greater protection from environmental risks.

I urge the Department of Environmental Protection to include a one-mile setback from the property boundary of oil and gas infrastructure and the property boundary of a school property in its revisions to Pennsylvania's regulations for above-ground oil and gas operations (Chapter 78).

The methane leaks are noxious to all and air pollution has been connected to lower brain function, allergies and other health problems. Pipelines should be away from the public at all costs! You cannot put a price tag our health and the health of our future (children). They are priceless. The DEP must protect the future of our children's health.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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