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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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To whom it may concern,

As the Executive Director of the Bradford Area Chamber of Commerce I am very concerned about the proposed set of new regulations on our local oil Producers that will change the current regulations that have been in place since 1985. It is also my understanding that you can't give any reason why these new regulations are needed.

We are also concerned by the new regulations on production tanks that will be very expensive to our local producers, and again it is our understanding that there has only been one violation in the past 10 years on production tanks, so my question would be, does one violation in 10 years warrant changing the regulations that will affect 99% of those oil producers that haven't had a violation?

The new Oil and Gas Act (sponsored by Sen. Scarnati, ironically) that has resulted in these new regulations being written should have affected only the unconventional, deep drilling that is new to our state. That was the intent of our legislators.

Finally, I would strongly urge you to reconsider these changes, and please take into consideration that this will have a catastrophic effect on our community. Our small oil producers and American Refining Group are the life blood of our community!

Thank you for consideration.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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