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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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Although I believe that the general Gas Drilling Rules are woefully deficient in the ability to protect the environment, I wholeheartedly agree with this small step in the right direction. With over 7,000 wells already drilled in this beautiful state and with over 200 documented cases of water contamination, timing is crucial to save our resources. I moved here before I ever knew of this hydraulic fracturing process, and had I known, I may have never decided to become a taxpayer in this state. People with the means will leave if something isn't done to curb the gas industry as they trample on peoples rights, and care nothing about Pennsylvania's environment or Pennsylvanians health. I would like to point out a few areas where I think the new proposed rules are especially inadequate in my opinion:

There should only be a one year renewal possible on an unexpired but unused well permit instead of 2

-Buffers for playgrounds, schools national parks etc. should be 1000 feet rather than 200 ft
 -Pit locations should be 500 -1000 feet from stream wetlands or bodies of water instead of 100 feet.

-I was unable to find this in the documentation, but it is possible I just missed it. however I would like to state that I strongly suggest that brine and produced water NOT be used for de-icing roads in PA. There is little doubt that this water would pollute our streams and rivers by way of runoff.

Thank you for this opportunity to make statements with regards to these new rules. I am placing my trust in John Quigley as a welcomed change from the last administration.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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