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Re: Chapter 78a. Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites; Advance Notice of Final Rulemaking

To Whom it May Concern:

My family and I live at Lake Carey in Lemon Township, PA in the same home that was purchased by my great grandmother in 1916, nearly 100 years ago. We have several well pads and compressor stations within 1-2 miles of our home.

I am extremely concerned about noise pollution from both the fracking operations at the well pads and the compressor stations in our area. We have been awakened at night by a continual droning, annoying background noise from these operations. Where once we had a quiet rural environment, we are now plagued by industrial noise that disrupts our sleep and causes anxiety.

78a.41 Because of my experience, I strongly support the addition of noise mitigation for well pad locations. Please extend these provisions to existing well pads so that all may benefit.

I am also concerned about open waste water impoundments in the area. We live on a natural, glacial lake (Lake Carey) that is fed by a number of area streams. Spills containing toxic chemicals from drilling sites and open water impoundments could find their way into the streams that feed the lake. This will not only degrade the water quality of the streams and Lake Carey waters enjoyed by fishermen, swimmers and boaters alike. It will also negatively impact wildlife in the areas ecosystems that are near to these impoundments and well pads.

78a.57a Because of these concerns, I strongly support the addition of the new section, Centralized Tank Storage. Permitted tank facilities replacing open waste water impoundments are a reasonable approach in the drilling fields. I support the proposed regulations at a minimum and hope that they move forward in the final regulation.

I appreciate having the opportunity to comment. This is an important rulemaking that directly affects where I live and the quality of life for me and my family for future generations.

Sincerely,

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