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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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Comments entered:

I would like to thank everyone who has worked so diligently on the Rulemaking for Unconventional Oil and Gas Wells Chapter 78a.

The "other critical communities" definition on page 8 of the Draft document is appreciated.

The use of the Clean Streams Law authority 15 (b.1) to protect waterways and wetlands within 100' of the edge of the well pad is appreciated.

In the application section 15 (f) Notification of Impact to Public Resources section (vii) the notification zone for school buildings, parks or playgrounds is currently listed as 200'. I feel it should be a larger distance. In section 57a (f) (8) of the rulemaking, fluid storage tanks may not be placed within 900' of schools. So it would seem that a 900' rather than 200' notification zone for school buildings, parks or playgrounds would also be appropriate.

The noise mitigation proposals are very good but should include previously permitted operation sites. This is especially true since the operators are drilling multiple boreholes from the same well pad sometimes years after the first well.

I do support the addition to the regulations in section 51 that if prior to pollution, the water supply was of a higher quality than required under PA SDWA standards, the restored or replaced water supply shall meet the pre-pollution quality of the water.

I am thankful that waste water impoundments will be replaced by storage tanks.

I am pleased that the Reporting and Remediating of Spills and Releases section 66 requires a 2 hour notification of any spill over 5 gallons that might affect waterways.

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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