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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:

The proposed final rulemaking for Chapter 78 and 78a represent a considerable improvement over existing regulations. I am requesting that DEP not back down at the resistance of the oil and gas industry to these proposed new standards.

Having attended the DEP hearing in Williamsport, it appeared to me that industry representatives believe the DEP acronym stands for "Department of ECONOMIC Protection".

May I remind you that it is your job to protect the ENVIRONMENT. If that protection comes at a cost to industry, so be it. No industry should be permitted to put people and the environment in harm's way in order to protect stockholder and owner/operator interest.

If the regulations on gas development hinder profits, that will force us to move toward sustainable forms of energy at a more rapid rate. This is the way a free market in a democratic society works. This is Jeffersonian democracy at its best.

I am 93 years old, and a WWII veteran. I have been a businessman all my life and have had to follow many regulations first in my career in management with Sears Roebuck, and later in the manufacturing segment. I have seen many businesses come and go due to supply and demand, increased overhead, etc. The government's job is not to protect enterprise, it is to protect people FROM enterprise.

I urge you to hold fast. Include the additional recommendations proposed by the environmental

organizations such as RDA, Earthjustice, and NRDC in the final rulemaking. Stand up to the industry.

I will not be here to see the results of your decision, but future generations are depending on you to do the right thing.

DO NOT WEAKEN THESE REGULATIONS.

Thank you.
Jack V. McKee

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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