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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 live next to an open impoundment on my neighbor's land and I worry constantly about is evaporating from it - and what my father and I are breathing - because of it. Please strengthen \*Standards for pits and impoundments (Sections 78.56, 78.57, 78.58, and 78.59).\*

There is drilling and fracking happening very close to my elementary and high schools (Mountain View School District). Research shows that when a pipeline explodes, the high consequence area can include a radius over a thousand feet from the explosion. Please improve \*Definition of public resource (Section 78.15, 78.57, 78a.15, 78.57a)\*

DEP is required by law to issue two sets of regulations—but that’s no excuse to put health and the environment at risk. Conventional wells also use water and chemicals, create waste, and disturb land. Conventional operators also cause spills, accidents, and pollution. DEP should require all operators of all types of oil and gas wells to develop water management plans that specify the source and volume of the water used in construction, drilling, hydraulic fracturing, and restoration. DEP should also prohibit the road-spreading of brine as a de-icer and dust suppressant. DEP has never issued a permit for this practice, not provided evidence that road-spreading is safe for water, vegetation, and wildlife. Please reflect this in \*Separation of unconventional and conventional regulations\*

Please consider my input on these important regulatory changes. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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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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