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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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I am a property owner with conventional shallow oil development in NW Pa. Additionally, I invest with a responsible operator whom does shallow oil development in the State. I know first hand the diligence taken to follow the regulations. Over the past 4 years, I have invested \$1MM into conventional oil development in the State. My contribution has supported numerous jobs for hard working tax payers as well as provided significant royalties for land owners many of whom are retired and on a fixed income and some of whom are widows.

The existing regulations are challenging enough and the manner in which they are imposed has been at times quite unreasonable. I have not experienced a pragmatic drafting and application of legislation, which fosters the conventional well industry while simultaneously prudently protecting the environment.

The proposed new regulations exemplify this and will put a complete stop to the majority of the future investment in conventional wells as this business is not viable with the added cost, management and compliance which is inappropriate for the conventional wells. These conventional wells have been the economic life blood of an entire region of the state for decades.

I implore you to not pass further regulations which apply to conventional wells as the economic impact will be significant on the region.