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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:

Sirs:

I would like to comment on drilling and future regulations for that industry.

First, I believe there should be stricter regulations on injection well set backs and location limitations. Many locations are not suited for these activities and should be off limits to injection wells. Regulation should protect fresh water wells and thus peoples health and well being as well as property values and air quality.

Secondly, how can the toxic waste generated by marcellus well drilling be labeled "Residual Waste"? The chemicals used for fracking are trucked to the well site in vehicles with "placards" stating the toxicity of these compounds. They are then mixed together rendering a toxic contaminating solution that is now more toxic than the original individual chemicals. There is no way of knowing just how toxic or what effects to human health they pose. They are then injected under great pressure into the well where they mix with other toxic elements that occur naturally at marcellus well bore depths along with radioactive materials.

In conclusion, I would like to see proper "hazardous waste" placards on these vehicles. We all know this is now a very hazardous fluid being hauled through our neighborhoods that should actually be stopped. Many spills have occurred thus far with consequences to be seen in the future. If this toxic slurry is allowed to continue to exist at all it should require disposal in a Class I injection well.

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Just because 2 crooked politicians found a way to get super rich by deceiving the public, and had no regard for public health or the environment, (halliburton loophole), it does not make this mess legal, moral or right!

Thanks for your consideration on these most important issues. The ramifications of this industry's toxic process will be felt for many years to come with little possibility of them ever being held accountable. Problem being, they know that.....

Sincerely,  
Mr. Randall R. Baird Sr.

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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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