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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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To the PA DEP:

I am a very concerned oil and natural gas industry employee compelled to respond to the proposed changes to Chapter 78. I support the stand of the Marcellus Shale Coalition's review of the proposed regulation changes, as well as Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation's official statement on the proposed changes.

The proposed regulations are selective and targeted with respect to the unconventional oil and gas industry and are not uniform, consistent or fair relative to other industrial sectors. The unconvensionals are being singled out because of their fruitfulness... the last I knew, this was a GOOD thing from which all of us benefit. They should not be segregated from other natural resource harvests and further controlled by the government and/or penalized. As such, the proposed legislation is prejudiced, far-reaching and overly-burdensome to the unconventional oil and gas industry sector, with little to no environmental benefit.

The oil and gas industry is such a boon for the state of Pennsylvania, creating thousands of new jobs and contributing an immense amount of money to the promotion, sustenance and prosperity of many local communities, some of which would otherwise be troubled. This goodness spreads or trickles up. I, personally, have been a hard-working employee for 33 years in a few different industries, and I have never worked for a company with more integrity and goodwill toward its employees, communities and earth than Cabot Oil & Gas. I have become unemployed in my past, due to no fault of my own (negative economic changes), and I dread

the thought of losing my job because of potential unnecessary changes to oil and gas regulations. I live alone and have NO safety net or family to ease a fall. As a current, faithful employee of Cabot Oil & Gas, I am thriving, paying my taxes, and contributing through spending to the local, regional and national economies.

If you proceed forward with the proposed changes to Chapter 78, you will be responsible for imposing unnecessary obstacles to our already careful efforts to extract natural resources from our god-given fertile grounds that are domestically fueling the homes, businesses and lifestyles of this free nation. This will make oil & gas extraction more difficult and costly for the producers, which will result in cutting costs to make ends meet, and thus could result in higher unemployment, more people dependent upon the government, and a faltering economy. The additional costs (financial and otherwise) of this proposed legislation will reverberate right back to the consumers' pocketbook and lifestyle, and will NOT reap an equal or greater benefit to anyone. Please consider the far-reaching consequences of enacting this proposed legislation. What ever happened to being happy and grateful for successful and conscientious free enterprise??? This is what makes for a great economy and prosperous living... Don't ruin it!

With heart-felt concern,

Chris Lang

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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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