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John Quigley
Acting Secretary of Environmental Protection
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DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RE: Oil and gas regulation revisions, Chapters 78 and 78a

Dear Secretary Quigley:

The Sierra Club Pennsylvania Chapter respectfully submits to the Environmental Quality Board the following comments on "Oil and gas regulation revisions, Chapters 78 and 78a."

Sincerely,

Thomas Au

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Conservation Chair

Enclosure

CC: Michele Tate, Executive Director, DEP Citizens Advisory Council

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Subject: Re: Oil and gas regulation revisions, Chapters 78 and 78a

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Required state-of-the-art noise controls. Noise from drilling operations is among the most common complaint from people living near well pads. Noise controls can make a big difference in one's quality of life.

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Sincerely,
Samantha Widman

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