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**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:

Pennsylvania should enact a moratorium until it can be demonstrated that fracking, its disposal of waste, and all associated pipelines and compression stations are SAFE and will not harm human health.

The New York State Department of Health, on December 17, 2014, recommended that high-volume hydraulic fracturing should not move forward in New York State. "I have considered all of the data and find significant questions and risks to public health which as of yet are unanswered," said Acting DOH Commissioner DR. Howard Zucker. "I think it would be reckless to proceed in New York until more authoritative research is done. I asked myself, 'would I let my family live in a community with fracking?' The answer is no. I therefore cannot recommend anyone else's family to live in such a community either."

DOH's report concludes that it will be years until science and research provide sufficient information to determine the level of risk fracking poses to public health and whether those risks can be adequately mitigated. The entire report may be read at [http://www.health.ny.gov/press/reports/docs/high\\_volume\\_hydraulic\\_fracturing.pdf](http://www.health.ny.gov/press/reports/docs/high_volume_hydraulic_fracturing.pdf)

Based on this report and the Department of Environmental Conservation's own work amassing data on environmental impacts, Governor Cuomo announced it would prohibit hydraulic fracturing in New York State.

Why are we allowing Pennsylvanians to be guinea pigs in this experiment? It is time to make the

prudent and safe decision, and enact a moratorium.

Thank you for reading my comments.

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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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