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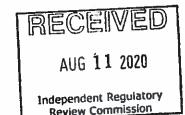


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Commenter Information:

Judy Curtin (jucurtin@everyactioncustom.com) 341 Wesv Miner St West Chester, PA 19382 US



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I'm writing to encourage you to close the loopholes that exempt "low-producing" wells from reporting leakage and repairing them. The grander proposed rulemaking to limit climatewarming methane pollution and harmful volatile organic compounds from existing oil and gas operations marks great progress in Pennsylvania's efforts to curb climate pollution and protect public health is excellent. I stand proud to be a PA resident. However, the proposal currently contains loopholes that must be addressed.

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Preserve our beautiful and robust state for our future and our heirs. They count on us to be stewards of our environment.

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Richard McNutt (tidewatersgp@gmail.com) 5556 Stump Rd Pipersville, PA 18947 US RECEIVED

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Hello, we are seventh grade students. We have a policy to help the issue of unsafe drinking water. Please support our policy by signing our petition to help protect everyone from dangerous chemicals in their water. protect students from harmful chemicals at schools, no matter what the town's financial stance is. The level of government responsible for carrying out this law is State government. State government is responsible because it is supporting all of the tax-funded schools. We would ask Senators to represent and propose this policy in the state Senate. Constitution, "All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for the protection, security, and benefit of the people, and they have the right at all times to alter or reform the same, whenever the public good may require it." Everyone should be entitled to the benefit of clean drinking water and it is up to our government to protect this natural resource. Clean drinking water is something that the public needs. A Trump administration aide said in an email that releasing a water contamination report would cause a "public relations nightmare." So they buried it.

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Jocolyn Bowser-Bostick (jbowserb@yahoo.com) 726 E 25th St Chester, PA 19013 US

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All facilities that produce life threatening and climate destructive emissions must be inspected and sooner than later must be made to close as our economy fully transitions to using sources of energy that are 100% clean and renewable. Small and large facilities that produce toxins that leak into our environment can both do serious harm or kill people or wildlife.

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GAS WHEN RELEASED. WE SHOULD BE CREATING INCENTIVES FOR MORE EFFICIENT CAPTURE AND DISINCENTIVES FOR WASTEFUL AND DAMAGING EMISSIONS.

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Brinton Culp (brintonculp@yahoo.com) 31 S Locust St Lititz, PA 17543 US AUG 11 2020

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I believe that we must do everything possible to curb climate change, and this is certainly a step in the right direction. Regulations should be strict and enforced to ensure a healthy Pennsylvania in many ways.

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Kenneth Brown (borgus777@gmail.com) 1001 E Oregon Rd Lititz, PA 17543 US AUG 11 2020

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This week I am with my grandchildren and being with them makes me more conscious of the need for stronger rules on the control of VOC from both extraction of oil and natural gas. I plead on their behalf and urge that you as persons responsible for the quality of the air that the current and next generations of children will breathe, please look at the regulations as if they were for all of the children of Pennsylvania representing your grandchildren. Thank you.

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Commenter Information:

Magali Larson (magalisl@temple.edu) 511 Woodland Ter Philadelphia, PA 19104 US

Comments entered:

The dangers to human health posed by methane pollution and harmful organic compounds from oil and gas operations have become clearer than ever with the COVID19 pandemic. Their effects on climate warming are huge and well-known. We therefore applaud the proposed rule making to limit these emissions. It marks great progress for Pennsylvania. However, the proposal currently contains loopholes that must be addressed in our effort to curb pollution and protect the climate and public health..

First, we urge you to close the loophole that exempts low-producing wells from leak detection and repair requirements. These wells may not produce much gas, but they cause of over half the methane pollution from oil and gas sources in Pennsylvania. All wells have equipment failures; therefore, they ALL require on-the-ground leak inspections.

Second, you MUST delete the rule provision that allows operators to reduce the frequency of inspections merely because past inspections did not reveal significant methane leaks. We've seen it in other states, and it is proven by the latest research: large, uncontrolled leaks can occur at any time. Frequent, consistent inspections are the only way to identify them before they do major damage to our communities and our environment.

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I urge you to protect our health and climate by strengthening and removing loopholes from the proposed methane rules that were released earlier this summer.

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Frank Kaminsky (fgkamin@gmail.com) 152 Y St Stoystown, PA 15563 US

Comments entered:

Lawmakers in the past have left coal producers get away with wanton pollution we are still dealing with today...dont add to a legacy of politicians who turn their heads for personal gains!

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Steven Killough (sfkillough@aol.com) 1701 Crossfield Dr Lancaster, PA 17603 US RECEIVED

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Susan Coulson (sccoulson@comcast.net) 104 Oak Ridge Rd Carlisle, PA 17015 US

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I am asking DEP to strengthen its proposed methane rule and close loopholes for low-producing wells. Fracking is way more dangerous to living things than originally thought. I have divested in all fossil fuel investments and urge PA to stop further fracking.

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I am a native Pennsylvanian, who left the state to serve my country. I recently returned in 2014, thinking Lancaster County, the land of the Amish, would be closest to the fresh air and clean water I experienced living in Vermont. I have been shocked by the polluted air, illegal burns, toxic fumes such that I can rarely open my home's windows to bring in "fresh air" because it is such an infrequent blessing. Today on one of the hottest days, I have PennDOT Diesel trucks running while waiting to pave a nearby State Road. No wonder the cancer rate is so high here in Lancaster County. I am so grateful to Gov Pinchot for planting trees and creating State Parks and Forests.

I urge you to see what the State of New Mexico is doing in conjunction with the Environmental Defense Fund to monitor and identify all the Methane leakage in their state. Pennsylvania's Constitution states I am guaranteed clean air and clean water, so I am asking you to uphold the trust that has been placed in your hands to ensure that once again we truly have clean air and clean water in this once great State of Pennsylvania! Thank you for doing what is best for all the citizens of this great Commonwealth as well as future generations.

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Commenter Information:

Doris Loud (loudd57@gmail.com) 1253 Dunkleberger Rd Millertown, PA 16936 US

Comments entered:

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Phoebe Reese (phoebereese@me.com) 420 Kittanning Pike Pittsburgh, PA 15215 US RECEIVED

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Pennsylvania is the #4 polluting state in the USA, and we must do everything we can to fight local pollution and avert climate disaster. Air Quality is a major factor in quality of life, health outcomes & expenditures, and to attracting businesses to PA.

Pennsylvania has a clear responsibility to put public health before industry profits and lead in developing real solutions to the problem of methane emissions.

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Maureen McGranaghan (mcgranaghan@gmail.com) 813 S Braddock Ave Apt 3 Pittsburgh, PA 15221 US

Comments entered:

I am using the text provided by the Conservation Voters of PA (see below) because it is specific and informed and I can't state our position better. But I wanted to make clear that I feel strongly about this issue and that regulation has to be robust in order to protect us. \sim Maureen

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Commenter Information:

Andrew Pudzianowski (bluesquantum@gmail.com) 1529 Marsha Ter Yardley, PA 19067 US AUG 11 2020

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As a physical chemist with decades of research experience, I'm very familiar with the molecular basis of greenhouse warming, and with the thermodynamics and fluid dynamics of masses of vapor and liquid, such as our atmospheric and ocean currents. I also know that Nature respects no ideological, political, or economic dogmas, like those advanced by the antiquated fossil fuel industries and their political enablers.

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Mary Meininger (beth@navalcompany.com) PO Box 907 Buckingham, PA 18912 US RECEIVED

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And, please.... cut the loopholes in the proposal. If you do, you will be on my list of PA heroes!

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John Prellwitz (jhp15@pitt.edu) 712 Courtview Dr Greenburg, PA 15061 US

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In the midst of a pandemic-fueled public health crisis, please do not allow passage of this reckless and irresponsible legislation that could only worsen public health. Please serve the health and environmental needs of all persons, not merely the greed and whims of corrupt and destructive corporations. Thank you.

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Joan Saverino (joan.saverino@gmail.com) 6912 Boyer St Philadelphia, PA 19119 US

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For us all, limiting methane pollution is essential to good human health. Please CLOSE THE LOOPHOLES in this proposed legislation. Inspection is key. Don't allow this bill to pass with these loopholes which weaken it.

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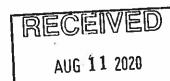


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Ken Smeltzer (bksmeltz@comcast.net) 1452 Willowbrook Dr Boalsburg, PA 16827 US



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We must do more to contain the relase of methane, one of the most potent global warmking gases we produce. Fortunately, it comes mostly from concetrated sources like wells and feedlots, so controlling these emissions is easier.

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Patricia Hartigan (pathartigan50@gmail.com) 417 Glen Malcolm Dr Glenshaw, PA 15116 US AUG 11 2020

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Thank you for proposing this rule and I am hopeful you can remove the loopholes in it. I am against fracking in PA and have been dismayed at the liberties and tax incentives PA has given these businesses.

I believe in climate change being increased by pollution of fossil fuels. The burning of Carboniferous materials which were in the earths atmosphere millions of years ago is scientifically proving to be detrimental. We can not easily reverse the damage as it took millions of years to settle out of the atmosphere before. I realize that this has been a long term problem and is difficult to ameliorate.

As a nation we must be an example to the world that we can change and bring in renewables. PA needs to stop giving these fossil fuel companies breaks, loopholes and incentives. It is detrimental to life on the local, national, and global levels.

It seems we need to benefit financially from these Earthly deposits but it is a short term gain and will cost is greatly in the long term. Basically it will cost lives and finally life as we know it.

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Richard Wheland (whelandr@hotmail.com) 2391 Wyland Ave Allison Park, PA 15101 US

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David Fielder (davefiedler@comcast.net) 5188 Judson Dr Bensalem, PA 19020 US

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With some of the dirtiest air in the country, since pollution flows west to east, we need action on controlling our states own emission of toxic substances. We deserve clean air, or at least cleaner than what we have. At the same time our state needs to take action on climate change. More methane in our atmosphere hurts our health now, and future generations will decry our lack of foresight and inaction on crises created by a warming planet. Our children and grandchildren will be left to deal with our generation's negligence, sitting idly by counting its 401k returns and politicians their campaign contributions from fossil fuel companies.

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Pam Kosty (pkosty@yahoo.com) 620 Lawson Ave Havertown, PA 19083 US

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David Morgan (morgans006@yahoo.com) 29 School St Ambler, PA 19002 US

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