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Dear Department of Environmental Protection people,
Thank you for giving the public a chance to be heard. The hydraulic fracturing to extract Pennsylvania's natural gas from the Marcellus Shale formation has been going on way too long without adequate regulation.

Our water supplies have already been compromised by an industry that prioritizes profit and has little regard for the consequences. As you know, chemicals used in this fracturing process are toxic. Mixed with sand and water some is left underground to migrate into water tables and aquifers through the fissures created to release the gas and some is stored in an on site pit which will kill any creature that drinks the leakage and the rest is hauled off in tankers to be disposed ofwhere...an abandoned mine shaft? A secluded stream where wildlife water. A ditch on a back road? Or a scenic river where people swim and fish?

Do you know anyone who wants to drink contaminated water? This is an issue that should have been addressed and enforced years ago. How is it that one natural resource can be sacrificed for another simply because it may take one landowner months to find out, after signing a gas lease, his well water now has methane in it? Most everyone knows methane in naturally occurring, but that can hardly be the conclusion when it shows up in a water well subsequent to nearby drilling.

The dispersant COREXIT is a neurotoxin and it was allowed to be used in the Gulf of Mexico to hide the amount of escaping oil. Mineral/Management should be ashamed of themselves for accepting a paycheck.

The money any tax can generate is considerable and should not be a token-tax. Thank you for considering my comments and for pete's sake, don't let the 2005 Cheney Loophole destroy our Commonwealth! I really like living here.

Sincerely,
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