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From: KAREN KOSHEBA [klkosheba@verizon.net]
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Subject: Comment on well protections

I have just received the July 21 press release regarding hearings scheduled to get public comments. This is totally unacceptable that the release is made on the day of the first meeting and two days before another two meetings. And I am sure that you will say that the public does not seem to care because they did not show up. Shame on you.

My comments are that what you are proposing does not go nearly far enough to protect the citizens of PA from damages caused by the oil and gas industry. Of the very limited amount of information you gave in the release, I have a problem with leaving it up to the industry to do the inspections of their wells themselves and report to DEP. I am sorry that I do not trust them enough to allow them this freedom. DEP should be doing these quarterly inspections and reports themselves.

There should also be requirements that the industry test all water wells in the area of the drilling prior to even moving into that area to drill, and continue to test water regularly. The protections for the citizens of PA should not be put on a back burner just to accommodate the oil and gas industry. We were here first, we have been paying taxes all along, and we will be here after the gas drillers have raped the state and left.

There may be other issues, but since there was little information on what these meetings will cover, I am not in a position to comment.

Sincerely,

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