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This is my second try at this letter; your website link was not easy to work with providing only a tiny block for comment and then no way to send it from that link. Also when I tried to save it using the button on the link, it blew away my comments. As a result this note has taken a good deal of extra time to prepare and a less persevering soul might have given up.

Concerning the Ch 78 regulations, as a professional water quality biologist, I endorse the proposal entirely and urge the Independent Regulatory Review Commission to approve it for adoption. Before doing so however, I would suggest one small change inserting a "time limit of 24 hours" as the requirement for follow-up investigations after a formal complaint is lodged with either the DEP/drilling company concerning any water quality issues which arise.

The other proposals put forth concerning cement/casing guidelines-requirements, etc seem prudent, however, I understand that some states such as Texas have adopted even higher standards than the ones proposed to afford the highest possible level of protection from stray gas intrusions/water supply problems. The board/DEP might wish to revisit this matter.

The cost projections also appear to be quite reasonable given the much higher expense of developing wells and the overall lucrative nature of this business.

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