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From: David B. Trindle [mailto:davetrindle@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 31, 2010 12:28 PM
To: Tate, Michele
Subject: Re: CH 78 Regulations

Ms. Tate,

Please amend my previous comment with the following **article in today's news about the One million gallon oil spill in a Michigan river**. This supports my argument that oil companies simply do not have the competence, the technology, or much incentive to prevent environmental disasters.

This is my primary argument, and not one that is often heard. Usually the argument is that the Oil & Gas companies are truly evil. I personally doubt that is the case across-the-board. On the contrary, I believe most people want to do the right thing.

Here is my point in a nutshell: **The reality is these companies simply don't have the skills, technology, standards of practice or qualifications to safely drill and transport Oil & Gas.** Any company given permission to do this type of drilling in PA should first have to meet and demonstrate rigorous set of standards to prove their competence--before they drill a single well in PA.

Thankyou,

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From: "Tate, Michele" <mtate@state.pa.us>
To: David B. Trindle <davetrindle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Fri, July 30, 2010 1:07:45 PM
Subject: RE: CH 78 Regulations

Thank you for the comments you submitted to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) concerning the proposed Oil and Gas Well Casing and Cementing regulations. Your comments are valuable to the EQB and will be included in the official record of public comments. At the conclusion of the public comment period for this proposal, the Department of Environmental Protection will prepare a comment/response document responding to all the comments received during the comment period. The comment/response document will be submitted to the EQB for consideration as part of the final rulemaking. You will receive notice when the final rulemaking is sent to the EQB, and a copy of the rulemaking package will be sent to you upon request. In addition, if you would like to receive a copy of the final rulemaking following the EQB's action, please contact me. The Department will provide the final rulemaking package to you when it is submitted to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission and the House and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committees.

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Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the status of this rulemaking or any other regulatory initiative.

Thank you.

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From: David B. Trindle [<mailto:davetrindle@yahoo.com>]
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To: EP, RegComments
Subject: CH 78 Regulations

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As it will be decades, if ever, before the environmental damage already done to our beautiful state is corrected, it makes sense for DEP to take a stricter stance with standards for future environmental damage, which will be inevitable with the ramp-up of poorly managed, irresponsible, and incompetent oil and gas drilling.

When calculated the short-term economic benefits of drilling, please keep in mind the enormous cost to taxpayers of correcting existing environmental damage. In the end, will there even be a net economic benefit, after the costs of clean-up, not to mention the human suffering? The DEP should upgrade its standards and vigilance for all new activities, especially oil and gas drilling, which has a horrendous reputation for environmental destruction.

Texans seem to have more experience with this and have tougher standards for cement, etc. Why not use them? Why not benefit from the lesson they already learned? Do we have to wait until that lesson is re-learned in PA to make the change? Then, it's only a game of damage control.

Our water supplies should be considered SACRED. They have already been defiled beyond belief. The DEP should generally take a firm position on water supplies, and especially with this oil & gas drilling disaster that has struck so many communities. WATER IS BASIC, AND IT MOVES. There should not be a single compromise when it comes to water supplies.

Please strengthen the CH 78 Regulations so they are the best in the country. The oil & gas company profits, and short-term employment and tax revenues will come and go. Defilement of our environment, especially our water supplies has a very, very long-term impact. It seems we've, sadly, even given up in some instances (like the PCBs in our beautiful Delaware River).

When all is said and done, the short-term boost to the economy of ramped-up oil and gas drilling will simply drag down the future economy of our state, as enormous costs of clean-up more than offset the short-term benefit.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments. I have faith and trust that you love this beautiful state and you will vigorously defend it against the sloppy, irresponsible, incompetent practices demonstrated by the oil & gas industry, as the gulf oil spill so clearly illustrates.

Sincerely,

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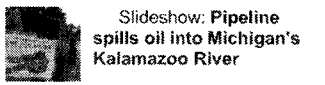
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BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Officials investigating the cause of a huge oil spill along a major river in southern Michigan say it will take months to clean up the mess, and damage to wetlands and wildlife may last considerably longer.

Enbridge Inc., the Canadian owner of the ruptured pipeline that released the crude into the Kalamazoo River, says the spill is contained. Gov. Jennifer Granholm said after a helicopter inspection of the stricken area Friday that the company's handling of the problem had improved since she gave it poor reviews earlier this week.

"I can say there's been significant progress," Granholm said at a news conference, adding: "I don't want to suggest we are satisfied. We continue to ask for additional resources."

Enbridge, based in Calgary, Alberta, said it was preparing to remove the damaged section of pipe as its focus shifted to cleaning up the spilled oil, which it estimates at 820,000 gallons. The Environmental Protection Agency puts the total at more than 1 million gallons.



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EPA chief Lisa Jackson said she was "very confident" the oil would not reach Lake Michigan, where the river empties about 80 miles from where the spill has been contained.

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Enbridge said it had recovered 100,800 gallons of oil and estimated that 420,000 gallons are in a holding area and will be pumped into tanks.

Federal and company officials said they were close to reaching the 40-foot section of pipe containing the break, which has been inaccessible because it's in a marshy, oil-covered area. Only when the pipe is reached will it be certain that the leak has stopped, said Ralph Dollhopf, EPA's on-scene coordinator.

Once removed, the section will be taken to a National Transportation Safety Board lab for tests, said Matt Nicholson, the agency's lead investigator. A team from NTSB's Office of Pipelines and Hazardous Materials division will be on site for up to 10 days, he said.

Scientists fear the worst may be yet to come for fish in the river. Jay Wesley, a biologist with the state of Michigan, said the oil spill had killed fish in "very limited numbers" along the affected stretch of the river from Marshall westward into Battle Creek.

The bigger problems for fish may come within a week or so, if the oil spill results in decreased water oxygen levels. Wesley said insects, algae, frogs and turtles along the river have been killed in high numbers — which could hurt the fish food supply.

"The effects are probably going to be more long-term," Wesley said. "We probably won't know the full effects for weeks or months or years."

The Marshall area has been considered a good area for bass fishing. Recreational anglers also fish the area for northern pike, catfish and suckers. Until the spill occurred, health officials considered fish taken from the waters from Marshall to Battle Creek OK to eat in limited amounts — unlike a downstream, westward stretch from Kalamazoo that is laden with PCBs and is on the federal Superfund list of highly contaminated areas.

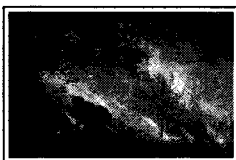
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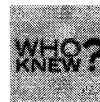
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 Where in your "lesson" does Obama come into it?
 The deal for BP to buy out Atlantic Richfield was hashed out amongst the energy companies and it was Atlantic Richfield who chose BP's offer over Conoco Phillips. Can you imagine the screaming had the clinton administration stood in the may of the free market that the conservatives worship?
 Secondly, where is the hand-wringing over the deals cut behind closed doors in Cheney's energy policy rewrite. You remember, the one where he met with all of the industry executives and lobbyists along with someof the republicans on the energy committee. Remember, when Cheney came out in public and said that "The idea that Americans should conserve, should make do with less, I find frankly unamerican."? You know, the negotiations that he kept secret in the face of a congressional inquiry? When he bizarrely claimed that he was'nt part of the executive branch and refused the subpoena and refused to turn over any notes on the negotiations?
 Face it. The shortcuts, lack of oversight, lack of regulation, and appointment of energy industry

crories to the agencies overseeing both the coal and oil industries, which took place under Bush=Cheney are mostly to blame for this mess. What do you expect when you put oilmen in the oval office? Exactly what we got. War in the middle east with rationale that we were fighting the 911 terrorists (or looking for WMD, or getting rid of a ruthless dictator take your pick, they were all bogus arguments), a free for all in oil and gas leasing, sweetheart deals for oil leases (remember when we found that the oil companies had neglected to pay over 30 billion in oil royalties and Bush told them to keep it), drilling without safety plans in place, etc. etc. etc.

This isn't even the worst of it. If you really want to see something disgusting, look at the lax regulation and @#\$\$ deals that went down within the water fracture gas extraction industry.

Take your history lesson somewhere else pal, where people don't have memories longer than two weeks cuz I ain't buying it here.

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Shortstop 10 hours ago | Report Abuse 1 8
Obama always talks about government funding of energy research. Obama says energy research will be the key to tomorrow and America's future prosperity.

Look what Democrats actually do. Look what happened to the largest privately held energy research facility in North America under the Democrat administration of Bill Clinton in 2000.

The Democrats must take responsibility for their company, British Petroleum.

History lesson 101. Ross Perot drew votes away from Hubert Walker Bush 1 and threw the election to Bill Clinton in 1992 even though he did not win a plurality of votes with only forty-three percent of the votes cast. Ross Perot drew twenty percent of the votes and pulled votes mainly away from Bush senior.

Bill Clinton signed off on the British Petroleum takeover of Atlantic Richfield Arco in 2000. Clinton could have blocked the merger on antitrust grounds.

The Federal Trade Commission did intervene and ordered BP to give up two third's of Arco's Alaskan reserves to a third party. Initially Conoco-Phillips was going to purchase the entire two-thirds but Exxon sued on its own behalf. Exxon and Conoco-Phillips settled the suit by each taking a third of Arco's Alaskan operations while BP remained the operator. The FTC intervention could be argued to be a minimalist approach and only address Arco's Alaskan operations. The Clinton administration justice department could have intervened on its own and blocked the merger entirely.

The FTC shares enforcement of antitrust laws with the Department of Justice. However, while the FTC is responsible for civil enforcement of antitrust laws, the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice has the power to bring both civil and criminal action in antitrust matters such as BP's takeover of Arco (Atlantic Richfield).

Democrats always argue that they support free competition and are against huge corporate mergers that eliminate good paying American based jobs.

After the merger with Arco (Atlantic Richfield), British Petroleum immediately closed down Arco's huge campus style research facility in Plano Texas and sold the facility to Perot Systems to be used as Perot's home corporate headquarters. Arco's quarter billion dollar research facility was sold for a song to Ross Perot.

Ironically Perot Systems has nothing to do with energy research or research on anything for that matter. Perot Systems provides information systems support contracting to local and state governments both here in the United States and Britain.

It looks as British Petroleum makes Rezko in Chicago look like a piker when it comes to making political paybacks.

Democrats enjoy your oil spill and your special relationship with British Petroleum BP.

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Destructive AMERICANS 10 hours ago | Report Abuse 4 0

I wonder how much more the earth can take, will it scratch us off like a animal infested with parasites.

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Jerry Cottec 11 hours ago | Report Abuse 9 0

This is amazing to me. Why don't the oil companies use 1 Billion of their Billions in quarterly profits to inspect, repair, and maintain equipment? And to all of you idiots blaming these meltdowns on Republicans or Democrats.....open your eyes and grow the @#&% up!

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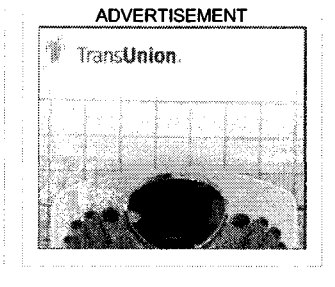
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