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From: Tate, Michele [mtate@state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 2:53 PM
To: 'Richard Fox'; Richard Fox; Edward Yim; IRRC; Joe Deklinski; Patrick Henderson
Cc: Perry, Scott; Nolan, Elizabeth A; Chambers, Laura M.; Lapato, Daniel; Adams, Duke; Totino, Michaele
Subject: Public Comments Received - Proposed Oil and Gas Well Casing and Cementing Rulemaking
Attachments: Re: 25 Pa. Code Ch. 78; CH 78 Regulations - Marcellus Shale, Oil & gas drilling; CH 78 regulations; Re: 25 Pa. Code Ch. 78; CH 78 Regulations; Chapter 78 Oil & Gas Regulation change comments; Proposed Rulemaking, 25 PA Code Chapter 78 ; Re: 25 Pa. Code Ch. 78; PA DEP's Environmental Quality Board (EQB) Proposed Amendment to the Regulations on Oil and Gas Casing and Cementing, Chapter 78.; Re: 25 Pa. Code Ch. 78; EQB/DEP Marcellus Shale standards proposed; Marcellus Shale Issue; (no subject); New Stronger Regulations; Oil and Gas Regulations; opposing gas and oil drilling; Proposed Regulations on Marcellus Shale Drilling; Re: Proposed Regulations on Marcellus Shale Drilling; Fwd: Share Your Comments on Marcellus Shale Issue; Marcellus shale; proposed rules for Oil and Gas; CH 78 Regulations; CH 78 regulations; CH 78 Regulations; Comments on DEP Chapter 78 Revisions; Ch 78 Regulations; Fw: COMMENTS RE : Marcellus regulations on drilling; FW: CH 78 Regulations

Importance: High

Good Afternoon:

The EQB has received the following comments on the above referenced proposed rulemaking:

1. The following form letter was submitted to the EQB by approximately 876 commentators, to date. Those commentators will be identified individually via separate transmittal in hard copy to IRRC.
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4. Individual comments received on the proposed rulemaking are as follows:

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From: Elijah Tucker [elijah.tucker@gmail.com]
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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 calculating 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? 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 learn it all over again in PA? 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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