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Dear Environmental Quality Board,

PennFuture and others would have you believe that every occurrence of natural gas in a water well is caused by drillers. Please remind yourself that there are areas of PA in which natural gas has historically been present before any drilling has occurred. Current regulations are adequate in most cases to protect the environment and the health and welfare of PA residents. To analyze current regulations it would seem prudent to HIRE a full-time, experienced petroleum engineer to provide the necessary science and engineering expertise to support drilling and well construction regulations. Makes more sense than spending \$50,000 for each instance being investigated.

Regarding the disclosure of the "toxic" chemicals used in the gas extraction process, the Pittsburgh Post Gazette recently reported that DEP released a list of chemicals used in drilling and fracturing operations. A later report stated that Range Resources had released a similar list.

I urge you to study these issues and determine which issues are truly related to oil and gas well activities and really require additional regulation.

Sincerely,

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