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To members of the Environmental Quality Board,

I am writing to urge each and every member to adopt the more stringent standards proposed by the Harvey Consulting report as the pertain to oil and gas extraction in the Commonwealth. Pennsylvania continues to suffer from decades of irresponsible extraction of coal throughout our great Commonwealth. For this very reason, on May 18, 1971, Pennsylvania voters by a four-to-one margin ratified what is now Article I, Section 27 of our state constitution - the Environmental Rights Amendment which states: "The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people." As stewards of the environment, you have the duty to preserve these RIGHTS of present and future Pennsylvanians as guaranteed by our Constitution. Please hold those drilling through our fresh water aquifers accountable. Thanks.

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