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**From:** Paul Coleman [pcoleman@ptd.net]  
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**To:** EP, RegComments  
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Dear EQB Members,

I am writing to urge the EQB to adopt the more rigid natural gas drilling standards as set forth in the proposal made by Harvey Consulting, including those requiring:

1. Gas company restoration/replacement of polluted or damaged water supplies incurred due to negligent drilling company activities and accidents.
2. Stronger cement casing standards to protect underground water supplies and aquifers.
3. Inclusion of adequate blow out preventers on all wells. ( This would have prevented the first damaging spill in Clearfield County)

Pennsylvania's most valuable resources are not its limited supply of natural gas. Rather, it is our clean air, water, forests, wildlife and other natural resources that will sustain us and our children well into the future, long after finite natural gas supplies have been depleted. Clearly, having already incurred over 1400 DEP citations, many natural gas companies cannot be trusted to "do the right thing" to protect our natural resources and citizenry. Do not let gas company focus on short term profits overshadow the very large and unacceptable costs of damaging PA's most valuable natural resources. I urge EQB to adopt stringent qualitative regulations insuring the adoption and enforcement of Best Practices for the Natural Gas drilling industry. These practices include the recommendations contained in the Harvey Consulting company report.

Thank you for the opportunity of providing my comments

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