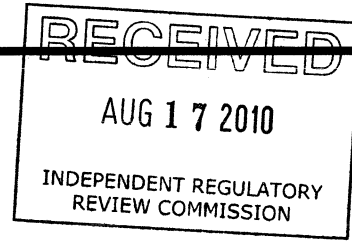


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Information is widely available about the potential environmental risks of natural gas drilling, and we have already seen numerous documented examples of adverse effects in Pennsylvania. Further drilling should be suspended immediately until DEP has adequate staff to fully and carefully monitor all drilling, holding all drillers to the highest possible standard. Second, drilling should be taxed in order to create a fund that can handle remediation in the case of any negative consequences -- routine or unforeseen disasters. The taxpayers should not have to take on this burden, at the expense of drilling companies' profits.

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