

Pennsylvania Forest Coalition

Our organization has followed the development of natural gas in Pennsylvania State Forests for the past eight years. We have conducted dozens of "before and after" tours of PA DCNR leases. Former DCNR Secretary John Quigley was right to describe gas leasing as "burning the furniture to heat the house". Another DCNR employee described it as "We were hornswoggled" in describing the information given to the agency by the gas industry.

If you can't MEASURE it, you can't MANAGE it. Proposed section 440.5 should be eliminated entirely. We need protection, not exemptions. Federal exemptions reduce control of how hazardous materials from hydrofracing. Since you cannot control and account for every gallon of frac waste from cradle to grave, you can't take a chance on allowing any of it to be in the Delaware River watershed.

Regarding the moratorium on gas drilling:

The best way to avoid the pollution that results from natural gas operations is to prohibit gas drilling entirely in the river basin. Make the ban total and permanent.

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