

We are writing to oppose the proposed disposal
in well on Highland St Ext, Dubois, Pa in
Brady Twp, Clearfield County. In the early 1960s
disposal of waste fluids injected under
pressure into deep rocks caused earthquakes
between 3+ 4 magnitudes in Denver, Colorado.

We have already experienced an earthquake in
our area & we don't need to take a risk of
increasing chances to cause earthquakes.

Please work with us to stop this permit.

Please hold the public hearing on 12/14/12
& deny the permit. Further studies need

~~to be done on the 1-deep disposal wells in the area~~
on

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FOR THE PROPOSED DISPOSAL INJECTION WELL ON
HIGHLAND ST EXT, DUBOIS, PA IN BRADY TWP,
CLEARFIELD COUNTY. MINES RUN THE WHOLE
LENGTH OF OUR ROAD BELOW OUR HOMES
ON ONE SIDE JUST FEET FROM THIS
SITE. MINING & OTHER LOCAL DRILLING
COULD HAVE CAUSED FRACTURES IN OUR
GROUND TO ALLOW WASTE TO LEACH
INTO OUR AQUIFERS. THANK YOU FOR
HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING. PLEASE DENY
THE PERMIT & STUDY THE GEOLOGY BETTER.

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We are writing to oppose the proposed disposal injection well on Highland St. Ext, DuBois, Pa in Brady Township, Clearfield County. This disposal well has the potential to over pressurize the ground and cause shifts below our homes resulting in fractures of the ground or even earthquakes. Studies need to be done on disposal wells causing earthquakes. We request your help in stopping the disposal well permit. Thank you for holding the public hearing on Dec. 10th. Please deny the permit + do further studies on the 6 deep gas wells + coal mines in the area.

Valerie Powell

We are writing to oppose the proposed "disposal injection well" on Highland St. Ext, DuBois, PA in Brady Township Clearfield County. Geologists have presented information that the fractured ground in Pennsylvania is not suitable for injection wells. Please stop this permit. Thank you for holding the Dec 10th hearing. Please review the area better due to the deep gas wells and coal mines closely located.

Sherry Green

Valerie Powers
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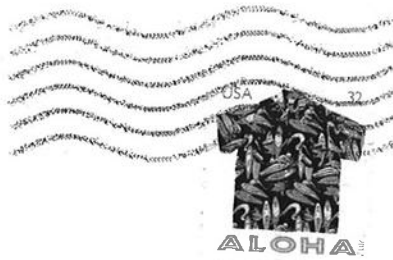


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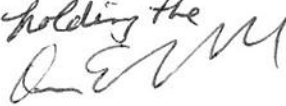


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We are writing to oppose the proposed disposal injection well on Highland St Ext, DuBois Pa in Budy Township, Clearfield County. Abandoned gas wells have been found in the area + need to have casings checked. We know of at least one that the cap or casing needs repaired. Also in war time casings were removed for the war effort when they needed to recycle supplies. Over time the cap or seal used wears out.

We request your support to stop this well permit. Please deny the permit + do further studies on the 6 deep gas wells + coal mines in the area. Thank you for holding the public hearing. Don & Marshall + 



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SAMPLE LETTER

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch
Office of Drinking Water & Source Water Protection (3WP22)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA, 19103

Dear Mr. Platt,

This letter is to request a public hearing on the Zelman #1 Injection Well proposed for Brady Township, Clearfield County. We are aware that you have tentatively scheduled this hearing on December 10, 2012. Many local residents are very concerned about the underground sources of water being contaminated and want to have their concerns heard. Just some of our concerns are: possibility of a surface spill that would go directly into the aquifer; methane migration into the aquifer; deep mines transmitting toxic fluid into water wells; deep wells transmitting toxic fluid into water wells (near proposed injection well site we already have three deep wells in same formation, Oriskany); deep mines transmitting toxic fluid under the whole City of DuBois out to the DuBois Mall; proposed injection well could be located in an earthquake prone area; concern that gas well on Zelman property needs plugged (site of proposed disposal injection well); abandoned wells could provide a pathway for methane migration into drinking water wells; and why is a toxic waste dump or toxic industrial activity being put into a residential area?

Sincerely,

Donna J. Gurdner, 111 W. Long Ave. DuBois Pa. 15801

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch
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Dear Mr. Platt,

This letter is testimony on the Zelman #1 Injection Well proposed for Brady Township, Clearfield County due December 10, 2012. My specific concerns deal with contamination of the underground sources of water:

- #1 - My drinking water source is well water and has potential to be contaminated through the disposal of waste underground near my home Barr Road - DuBois Pa 15801.
- #2 - We have really good water now and we are concerned that this will not be the case if you allow this disposal injection well to be placed in our neighborhood.
- #3 - Ground faults are located in the area close to the proposed disposal injection site. The proposed injection well may be located in an earthquake prone area.
- #4 - Coal mines are located in the ¼ mile radius of review and any small fracture or leak has the potential to seep into these mines and carry waste under the City of DuBois. These mines are full of water and are all over our area, so these deep mines would transmit toxic fluid into water sources.
- #5 - The possibility of a surface spill that would go directly into the aquifer is a concern.
- #6 - Abandoned wells could provide a pathway for methane migration into drinking water wells into the aquifer. Some of these abandoned wells may not be plugged.
- #7 - Just a few feet outside the ¼ mile review at least 4 deep wells are located in the same formation (Oriskany) that are able to transmit toxic fluid into water wells.
- #8 - The permit shows well logs with one well plugged (Ginther ~3,000 feet deep) with 35 bags of cement and a deep well plugged with 50 bags of cement (Potter ~7,000 feet deep). This example is just one of many concerns with reliability and potential for accidents.
- #9 - Why is a toxic waste dump & industrial activity being put into a residential area?

Sincerely,

Dec. 1, 2012

Dear Mr. Platt,

I am writing comments for the "public hearing" to be held on 12-10-12 at the Brady Top Community Bldg. as scheduled, concerning permission to having an injection well as close to a residential area.

I have 3 good wells and alternate their use. Don't want to lose my water source over "jacking" which can end up in my wells reservoir.

A retired oilfield inspector saying can shut through in 10 years and cause leaks being to close to home.

There are old coal mines throughout our area also!
Property values will drop.

Residents in outlying areas don't know that "jacking" can affect them, too.

By this goes through, more residential area will have the same problem. Should you want this to happen in your neighbor-hood?

We don't need another "Tone Canal" situation!

Thank you,
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Duc Boria, Pa. 15801

PS I want to thank Congressman Sabler for his help & concern.

Dear Mr. Platt,

This letter is in regards to the proposed Zelman #1 injection well that is trying to come in Brady twp. There are numerous reasons why the injection well should not be placed at this location. This is a residential area, not open land which is way out in the middle of nowhere. The majority of people here have wells. We also have children, gardens, and farming. Our children go to school right up the road. If the injection well is allowed to come in, we will all be in danger. It would be only a matter of time until all of our water was contaminated. It will kill the gardens, the wildlife, our area of DuBois has deep mines all underneath us, which makes it even more dangerous, it could destroy the whole city. Also, Highland St. ext is a small CAR only Country Road. What kind of traffic

would expect to be trying to
come through here? Our Road is
not meant for trucks at all. It
would no longer be safe here if
the injection well comes here.
Please review all the information,
and concerns from everyone.
An injection well has no business
coming in here. Something like
that should be put way out in
a "non" residential area.
It should be many, many, miles
away from my homes, and it
should be put in an area that is
more accessible, not a small
residential street, like Highland
St-Ext.

Thank you.

Jesha Martinez

12.10.12

Caning don't last forever...
The EPA cannot guarantee that groundwater aquifers will not be contaminated by 5, 10, 20 years - or during injection. Undoubtedly, this is a grave concern for those who live near these injection wells, who will depend on drinking water forever - unless it's contaminated.

What ~~is~~ is the lifetime maintenance plan for this well? Does the EPA require one? After the well is plugged, 100 years from now - who will be monitoring this well?

A June 21, 2012 article by investigative news nonprofit, ProPublica.org, reported that a review by ProPublica of "well records, case histories, and government summaries of more

than 220,000 well inspections found that structural failures inside injection wells are routine. From 2007 to late 2010, one well integrity violation was found for every six deep injection wells examined" - one in six - with "more than 17,000 violations nationally. More than 7,000 wells showed signs ~~in~~ that their wells were leaking..."
"ProPublica's analysis of case histories and EPA data from Oct. 2007 to Oct. 2010 showed that when an injection well fails, it is most often because of holes or cracks in the well structure itself."
"Operators are required to do so-called 'mechanical integrity' tests at regular intervals, usually for 100 wells and at least once

every five years for Class 2 wells. In 2010, the tests led to more than 7,500 violations nationally, with more than 2,300 wells failing."

The article also quotes "Mario Salazar, an engineer who worked for 25 years as a technical expert with the EPA's underground injection program in Washington." Mr. Salazar stated, "In 90 to 100 years we are going to find out that most of our groundwater is polluted. A lot of people are going to get sick, and a lot of people may die."

As someone who has personally investigated water contaminants in northeastern and northwestern Pennsylvania, I know of some very bad cases of ~~illness~~ illnesses resulting from

consumption of residential drinking water ~~contaminated~~ contaminated by faulty oil and gas wells where the contaminants were not detected, because of the lack of taste, color, or odour indicators, until it was too late.

Please consider denial of this permit. My family lives works, and such ~~contaminated~~ multiple properties in DuBois. They couldn't be here tonight - their safety is in your hands.

Thank You,

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We don't approve of this
frack well!

We are in a hard spot - my
brother in law and sister in law
(John's sister) are the ones whose
land this well will be on. If
this frack well goes through

We live about 300 yards
from the area it is suppose to
be drilled on.

Our driveway is what they
will use for the trucks for this well.

My kids will have to use this
driveway to go to work and college -
fighting the trucks on a sloped

driveway that gets really bad in
the winter. How fair is that in a
residential area?

Has anyone come and looked
at the area it will be in? Does any-
one realize the headaches it will
bring on just the trucks going back
and forth? Let alone all the problems
it will bring all my ~~neighbors~~ neighbors too.

We will have to pay to get our
water tested - that's not cheap.

Everyone has lived here along
time - we have taken pride in where
we live and put all our hard
work and sweat into what we have.
It decreases ~~of~~ our land value

and will be considered a
land fill. How can a Frack well
be good if it does that to land value.
Just for the almighty dollar!

With all the problems that
occur with Frack wells how
fair is it to put it in a residential
area in which could bring many
problems to our ~~neighborhood~~ neighbor
hood.

The bottom line is when
it comes down to it if something
happens to our water, my kids
husband and neighbors will not
have a place to live! How can
anyone live without water?

Who will fix our water?

Will someone pay for it?

Will someone have to get
poisoned ^{and} die for the almighty dollar?

~~John Barr~~ Sue Barr
Mandy Barr 1268 Tower Ln
Nicole Barr DUBOIS, PA
Ashley Barr 15801

December 10, 2012

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
Ground Water Enforcement Branch
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Source Water Protection (3WP22)
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Philadelphia, PA. 19103

Dear Mr. Platt,

The injection well on Highland St. Ext in Brady Township is the reason for this letter. To permit this well would affect a large group of properties nearby. For instance, there are 60 residents that live from $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the well site. All these homes have wells for drinking water and general use.

The end of the line from Brady Township's water Authority end $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the proposed well site. The Du Bois water lines end $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the well site.

In that 2 mile area between the two water companies there are all these homes that are on well water. These wells range from 80 ft. to 240 ft. deep. If these wells are polluted from the disposed well, it would be a major disaster to say the least. There would

we get water? It would be a huge sum of money. If the aquifers are polluted, farmers with large dairy herds would lose their herds. It would affect Orner's farm, Hicks farm, Kirks farm and Haags farm. Some of these farms milk over 100 head of cattle. Imagine the loss to the farming industry in the area.

A few years ago the state notified the city of Du Bois it had to have a secondary water supply in case of a hazardous spill on Interstate 80 that would contaminate the reservoir.

They drilled six wells for a secondary supply. This injection well could affect all local wells.

Where we live in Sandy Township our own personal well is 210 ft. deep. The water is excellent at the present time. If the disposal well is allowed it could contaminate all the drinking water and our property value would be worthless.

Sincerely,
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15801

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Sincerely,

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Nov. 27, 2012

Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
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RE: UIC Permit PAS2D020BCLE (Windfall/Zelman 1)

Dear Mr. Platt:

Please accept the dual intent of this letter: 1) to request a public hearing on the Zelman #1 Class 2 Disposal Injection Well proposed for Brady Township, Clearfield County, PA.; and 2) as my comments for the record on the Zelman 1 injection well proposal.

I will not dwell on the public hearing, tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Brady Township Community Center in Luthersburg, Pa. The intense public interest in the meeting and the issue is evident from the July 23 EPA Information Sharing meeting on the issue that was attended by two of my staff members.

My comments on the Brady Twp. injection well proposal focus on the threat to public and private water supplies. Simply put, geologic and hydrological conditions in the area make the proposed site an egregiously poor one for such a well.

As the state representative from the adjacent district and longtime chair of the Pa. House of Representatives' Environmental Resources & Energy Committee, I have great familiarity with the area's incredibly complex geology. As a state geologist said of Clearfield County, "the geology was not as difficult as you thought it... It was worse!" It is infamous for its high pyrite and sulfur concentrations, which have had local ramifications. An environmental assessment omitted for an Interstate 99 construction project in adjacent Centre County has cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars for remediation as the disturbed pyrite ruined water resources.

In the 1972 Pa. Department of Environmental Resources report, "Subsurface Liquid Waste Disposal and Its Feasibility in Pennsylvania," it was noted, "***It cannot be overstressed that the introduction of waste liquids into the subsurface is a permanent alteration of the subsurface environment... 'The magnitude of these changes may be small, but they are cumulative.'***"

Brady Township is strategically situated near two watersheds – the Susquehanna and Ohio river basins. The injection well is perilously close to the DuBois Reservoir, the main water source for

the city, and the supply for Brady Township and the Borough of Troutville. Many private water wells are located within two miles of the proposed injection well. Old, deep gas wells have been drilled in the area, abandoned gas wells are very close to the proposed site and abandoned mines are significantly close to the proposed site. Springs, water wells and headwaters also are close to the proposed disposal injection well.

Earthquakes in Ohio have been linked to injection wells. Underground injection of wastewater produced by hydraulic fracturing and other energy technologies has a higher risk of causing such earthquakes, according to a June report from the National Research Council. Clearfield County straddles known faults and it does not receive the highest rating for storage of carbon dioxide, never mind fracking wastewater.

A May 2012 study by the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University spotlighted the "Geochemical evidence for possible natural migration of Marcellus Formation brine to shallow aquifers in Pennsylvania." It "suggests that these areas could be at greater risk of contamination from shale gas development because of a preexisting network of cross-formational pathways that has enhanced hydraulic connectivity to deeper geological formations."

Knowing all this, I believe the EPA must reject the Windfall Oil and Gas permit application.

However, I believe the economic anomalies presented by this permit application also must be considered. The federal Economic Development Administration is providing a \$1.2 million grant for a demonstration plant in Johnstown to treat Marcellus wastewater. The project, being pursued by Aspen Johnstown LLC, would reportedly employ hundreds.

Another wastewater treatment facility is proposed by Reserved Environmental Services in Pine Creek Township, Clinton County. RES has two such facilities already operational, including one in Westmoreland County, which is the largest such water treatment facility in the state.

Eureka Resources LLC is building a facility in Standing Stone Township, Bradford County, to treat Marcellus wastewater. It, like the plant proposed in Johnstown, plans for beneficial reuse of valuable byproducts that can be extracted from the wastewater.

Given the dubious environmental, hydrological and geological underpinnings of the well proposed in Brady Township, permit approval of it would subvert private and public investments being made across the state. Injection wells may be convenient and profitable for their owners, but the benefits, if any, to future generations of Commonwealth citizens is highly suspect.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



Camille "Bud" George
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
D-74 of Clearfield County, and chair (D)
Pa. House of Representatives'
Environmental Resources &
Energy Committee

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
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Dear Mr. Platt,

This letter is to request a public hearing for the Zelman #1 Class 2 Disposal Injection Well proposed for Brady Township, Clearfield County, PA.

Please put this comment of mine on the record: As a homeowner within sight of the proposed injection well, ~~I~~ I am very concerned with the possibility of ground water seepage, also what affect it will have on our property values and even our homeowners insurance. I'm sure you wouldn't want this thing in your back yard.

Sincerely,

Keith G. Wells

KEITH G. WELLS

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Dear Mr. Platt,

This letter is to request a public hearing on the Zelman #1 Class 2 Disposal Injection Well proposed for Brady Township, Clearfield County, PA.

Please put these comments on the record:

When House Bill 2350, known as the Injection Well Safe Water Act, was introduced in April 2012, the DuBois City Council, Mayor and City Manager immediately responded with a letter of support urging the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee to adopt this bill.


As a municipal water service provider, we felt this proposed bill provided necessary water protection measures such as a 5,500-foot setback from public water supplies. The bill also bans the deep waste-disposal wells in floodplains and provides a 2,000-foot setback from trout streams and High Quality/Exceptional Value waterways.

The earthquakes in Ohio, which have been linked to injection wells near Youngstown, were felt by residents in the City of DuBois. It is our understanding that geologic fault lines run through the Brady Township area where a well has been proposed. Brady Township is 2 miles from the City of DuBois corporate boundaries.

Approximately 6 acres of deep mines exist within the quarter-mile review area for the proposed disposal injection well. The deep mines begin in Brady Township and stretch to the area of the DuBois Mall. If there was ever a breach with frack water, it could go so far as the DuBois Mall and into Sandy Lick Creek. Sandy Lick Creek runs along the City's park system and is a designated catch and release fishing site. Much volunteer time and taxpayer money made this park possible.

We must do everything possible to ensure the integrity and protection of our water resources. Ohio has recently adopted new regulations to address many of the DIW issues, and we should do the same.

Sincerely,


Gary D. Gilbert
Mayor


John "Herm" Suplizio
City Manager


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November 28, 2012

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
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Dear Mr. Platt,

This letter is to request a public hearing on the Zelman #1 Class 2 Disposal Injection Well proposed for Brady Township, Clearfield County, PA.

Please put this comment of mine on the record:

As I understand, until December 4, you are accepting requests for a public hearing in Brady Township, in order to determine if there is enough public concern to hold the meeting.

Please regard this email as a reflection of public concern from two residents in the Brady Township area.

My wife, Judy, and I have lived in Brady Township on a farm for over 26 years now, both of us commuting to Punxsutawney to teach in the Middle and High schools.

For most of those years, we have relied on well water, to which we still have access on our property, although we now get our drinking water from the township. We are some two miles from the center of Luthersburg.

We are both concerned that waste water from gas drilling may be injected into the ground in our township. Simply put, we do not want this to happen. Again, to be clear, we feel that injecting this water into the ground in our township poses a grave danger to us citizens.

This water is so toxic, drilling companies cannot clean it. It is so toxic, they simply (again, that word) do not know what to do with it.

They have tried dumping it into our streams, all the while denying they were doing so.

They have tried dumping it into our streams, after admitting to it, but after promising us it was somehow cleaned and safe. We both now know that was never even close to true.

They have tried telling us they would ship it to Ohio!

Since there is no way of neutralizing it, their best idea now is to somehow put it so far away from everyone that, in doing so, they hope it will just go away. It's like a child trying to hide evidence of wrong doing.

They can't box this toxic water up and send it to the moon, so they decide to dig a hole and hide it there. When considered in those terms, this process seems laughable.

Is it safe to dispose of water in such a way? They say, "Yes." We say, "No."

You say, "It can be, and then, again, it might not be."

My wife Judy and I see your position in this affair in, again, very simple terms.

You work for Environmental Protection Agency. I think on the words in that title. We count on you to protect our environment. That is what you promise to do.

We count on you to listen to your citizens' concerns and believe in their abilities to understand and see things clearly. We are professionals with careers, well-informed, civic-minded, and true to our duties, responsibilities, and rights as citizens.

Please protect us. Please listen to us.

The water that may be injected in our township is toxic and deadly. There is no arguing that. What is up for debate is whether or not that water will stay put.

In your heart of hearts, you simply cannot promise that you are 100% certain that water will never, in the next 10, 20 or 100 years, escape . . . to harm the purity of our environment, let alone our drinking water.

Our environment. Our Environmental Protection Agency. This is our legacy, yours and ours. What we decide to do now will affect us and be remembered for generations.

You have a chance to protect us. We are counting on you to do so. We, the people. You, too, are, "We the people."

Thank you for taking the time to consider your constituents' points of view. Please make certain that our voices are heard and that our hearing is held.

Sincerely,

Neil A. Conti



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November 14, 2012

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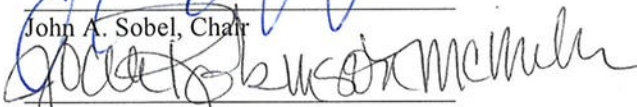
Dear Mr. Platt;

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Sincerely,



John A. Sobel, Chair



Joan Robinson-McMillen



Mark B. McCracken



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Nov. 16, 2012

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Brady Township Supervisors wish for the public hearing scheduled for Dec. 10, 2012 at the Brady Township Community Center to be held as planned. The board feels that there is enough public interest to continue with this hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheryl DeBoer".

Sheryl DeBoer
Brady Township Secretary

Mary Carol Frier

151 Neff Road

Centre Hall, PA 16828

Telephones: 814 364 2847; 845 699 6823(cell)

E-mail: mcfrier@yahoo.com

November 19, 2012

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch
Office of Drinking Water & Source Water Protection (3WP22)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

RE: Public Hearing for Zelman #1 Class 2D Disposal Injection Well

Dear Mr. Platt:

Throughout Pennsylvania's history, the fossil fuel extraction and processing industry has resulted in local polluted air, water and health nearly 100% of the time. A public hearing is absolutely essential to give citizens living near the proposed Zelman Disposal Injection Well the deciding voice. These citizens must be aware of the dangers. They must decide if they can live with the probable environmental damage this well will cause.

I request such a hearing. Please put this comment on the record.

Sincerely,



Mary Carol Frier

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch
Office of Drinking Water & Source Water Protection (3WP22)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA, 19103

Dear Mr. Platt,

This letter is to request a public hearing on the Zelman #1 Class 2 Disposal Injection Well proposed for Brady Township, Clearfield County, PA.

Please put this comment of mine on the record:

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy M. Frank". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

November 17, 2012

Molly Guthrie
302 W. Du Bois Ave.
Du Bois, PA 15801


To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing at this time to request a hearing in regards to the Underground Injection permit PAS2D02OBCLE for Windfall Oil and Gas Inc.. I live in the area of the proposed injection well and have concerns about the well, these concerns will affect my quality of life and day to day living.

There are many issues that could be raised in reference to the proposed injection well, at this time, I am concerned about the granting of the permit due to the fact that are deep mines existing that could transmit toxic fluid under the whole city of Du Bois, as far as the Du Bois Mall located in Sandy Township. This leads to the questions, how will this effect my life, and that of my children, what are the proposed health risks should such toxins leak, how will that effect my future and that of the people I love? I believe it is very pertinent to examine this issue in a public hearing setting before any such permits be granted.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request for a hearing.

Sincerely,



Molly Guthrie

November 17, 2012

Monica Lockhart
1298 Highland St Ext.
Du Bois, PA 15801

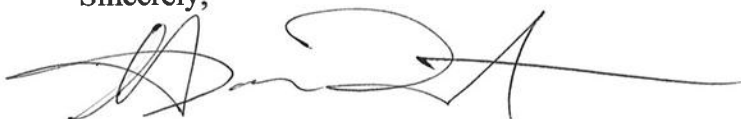
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There are many issues that could be raised in reference to the proposed injection well, however at this time, the most important issue to me is that abandoned wells could provide a pathway for toxic fluid to get into drinking water wells. The possibility of this happening could mean my personal water supply could be compromised in some way and ruined. This possibility would make it impossible for me to use water from my own spring, adding a financial burden to me personally, a safety issue with the unknown toxins that could invade my spring water and it would most definitely decrease my property value. The proposed injection well poses a safety risk to myself and others living in the area, therefore it seems only fair that a public hearing be held in regards to this permit being granted.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request for a hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monica Lockhart', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Monica Lockhart

November 17, 2012

David Kovall
1298 Highland St Ext
Du Bois, PA 15801

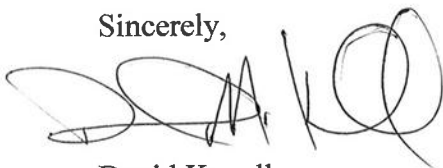
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There are many issues that could be raised in reference to the proposed injection well, however at this time, there are two very important questions that I believe needed looking in to further before such a permit be granted. First, why is a toxic waste dump being put in a residential area, and second, why is toxic industrial activity being put into a residential area? There are many people that live in the area of the proposed injection well, these people range in age from childhood to senior, but the health risk to all is the same. Because there are toxins involved that pose a health threat to the people who have made their lives in this area prior to any proposed injection well, these questions need asked and answered in a public setting before any permits have been granted.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request for a hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Kovall', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

David Kovall

November 16, 2012

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch
Office of Drinking Water & Source Water Protection (3WP22)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA, 19103

Dear Mr. Platt,

This letter is to request a public hearing on the Zelman #1 Class 2 Disposal Injection Well proposed for Brady Township, Clearfield County, PA.

Please put this comment of mine on the record:

Sincerely,



MARYANN WILLIAMS
164 TARRIE STREET
PHILIPSBURG, PA 16866

MR Stephen PLATT, EPA Region III

Ground WATER & ENFORCEMENT BRANCH

Office of Drink Water & Source Water Protection

1650 Arch Street

Philadelphia Pa. 19103

Randell T. Powers
1235 Highland ST ext
DuBois Pa. 15801

Dear Mr-PLATT,

This letter is to Request a public hearing on the ZELMAN #1 Injection Well proposed in BRADY township, Clearfield County - I am aware that you have tentatively scheduled a hearing for this on Dec 10, 2012. Myself and ALOT of local Residents are very worried about underground sources of water being contaminated and want to explain their concerns about possible surface spills that would go into aquifer methane migration into aquifer. deep mines transmitting toxic fluid into water wells. In the same formation, (Oriskany) deep mines transmitting toxic fluid under the City of DuBois and to the DuBois Mall underground proposed injection well could be located in a earthquake prone Area. Worried that gas well on Zelman property needs plugged, And why is a toxic waste dump being put in a Residential area? Sincerely, Randell T. Powers

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch
Office of Drinking Water & Source Water Protection (3WP22)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA, 19103

Dear Mr. Platt,

This letter is to request a public hearing for the Zelman #1 Class 2 Disposal Injection Well proposed for Brady Township, Clearfield County, PA.

Please put this comment of mine on the record:

*Abandoned gas wells in the area could provide a
path way for methane migration into drinking
water wells*

Sincerely,

Galen J. Kilmer

GALEN J. KILMER
2091 KILMER RD.
DUNBAR, PA. 15801

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch
Office of Drinking Water & Source Water Protection (3WP22)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA, 19103

Dear Mr. Platt,

This letter is to request a public hearing for the Zelman #1 Class 2 Disposal Injection Well proposed for Brady Township, Clearfield County, PA.

Please put this comment of mine on the record:

*Nearby deep gas wells could provide a
pathway for toxic fluid to get into water wells.*

Sincerely,

Laura J. Kilmer

MR Stephen PLATT, EPA Region III

Ground WATER & ENFORCEMENT BRANCH

Office of Drink Water & Source Water Protection

1650 Arch Street

Philadelphia Pa. 19103

From:

Valerie Powers
1235 Highland St ext
Dubois Pa. 15801

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November _15_ 2012

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch
Office of Drinking Water & Source Water Protection (3WP22)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA, 19103

Dear Mr. Platt,

We are writing this letter to request that you hold public hearings for both the Zelman #1 Class II-D Disposal Injection Well proposed for Brady Township, Clearfield County, PA, and also for the Seneca Resources Class II-D Disposal well (#38268) proposed for Highland Township, Elk County, PA.

Although the industries – and government – claim that injection wells pose little risk to groundwater resources or to the environment, I am also aware of those claims made by experts that such disposal wells are very risky, at best. And, as you know, once an aquifer is contaminated, it is virtually impossible to de-contaminate it. In other words, they are playing Russian Roulette with our water!

Besides the risks to nearby aquifers, injection wells require fleets of diesel trucks transporting large volumes of fluid waste to the well sites. It should be obvious that the noxious diesel fumes, noise, and risk of spills are activities that should not be anywhere near peaceful neighborhoods or farms.

As an aside, it may be true that the alternatives to the injection process, e.g., treating or recycling the wastewater, burning various components of the waste, or creating surface storage facilities may be far more expensive and possibly create greater environmental risk than injection underground. But perhaps those companies that are currently making record profits should spend some of their earnings on proven, safe, and effective treatment facilities rather than "sweeping the dirt under the rug."

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Karen & William Granche
Karen and William Granche

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch
Office of Drinking Water & Source Water Protection (3WP22)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA, 19103

Dear Mr. Platt,

This letter is to request a public hearing for the Zelman #1 Class 2 Disposal Injection Well proposed for Brady Township, Clearfield County, PA.

Please put this comment of mine on the record:

Methane migration into the aquifer.

Sincerely,

*Ruth A Pearce
187 Luthersburg Rockton Rd
Luthersburg Pa 15848*

November 11, 2012

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch
Office of Drinking Water & Source Water Protection (3WP22)
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Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Mike & Joan Kamandulis

101 Brown Road
Kersey, PA 15846

November 12, 2012

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch
Office of Drinking Water & Source Water Protection (3WP22)
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Philadelphia, PA, 19103

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Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael Brock
258 Taft Rd.
St. Marys, PA 15857
(814) 594-9980



"To advocate for a healthy, sustainable environment by informing and raising awareness about the hazards of gas well drilling in our communities; including the impacts to our water quality, air quality, and human health."

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
- Margaret Mead

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free... it expects what never was and never will be" — Thomas Jefferson

March 12, 2012

Dear Karen Johnson, VIC Program Manager
Environmental Protection Agency

We, the undersigned members of Elk County C.A.R.E.S., are asking for your support to block the permitting of the proposed deep injection well of Marcellus shale wastewater near the Highland Street Extension in DuBois, Pennsylvania.

We believe there is now sufficient evidence, backed by scientific research, that such wells pose risks to nearby groundwater and may also initiate weak – moderate earthquake activity.

Although there is considerable support for continued gas drilling in Pennsylvania with its attendant environmental risks, we also ask that you familiarize yourself with the TRUTH about anthropogenic climate change (a.k.a. global warming) that is occurring. Clearly, we humans cannot continue to use fossil fuels (including natural gas) at ever-increasing rates, without soon facing the dire consequences.

Thank you for seriously considering these matters.

Sincerely,

Signature Michael A. Kamandulis

Print Name Michael A. Kamandulis

Signature Joan B. Kamandulis

Print Name Joan B. Kamandulis

Signature Richard A. Glover Jr

Print Name RICHARD A GLOVER JR

Signature Francis Gustafson

Print Name FRANCIS GUSTAFSON

Signature David Keith

Print Name DAVID KEITH

Signature Charles M. Charney

Print Name CHARLES M. CHARNEY

Signature Lisa Gustafson

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Signature Harry A. Himes Jr

Print Name HARRY A. HIMES JR

Signature Jackie Himes

Print Name JACKIE HIMES

Signature Thomas P. Heindl

Print Name THOMAS P. HEINDL

R.S.V.P. **ME** & Mrs. Michael Kamandulis
101 Brown Road
Kersey, PA 15846
Thank you!

Leslie Barr
310 Olive Avenue
DuBois, PA 15801

November 28, 2012

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch
Office of Drinking Water & Source Water Protection (3WP22)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA, 19103

RE: UIC Permit PAS2D020BCLE (Windfall/Zelman 1)

Dear Mr. Platt,

This letter is testimony on the Zelman #1 Injection Well proposed for Brady Township, Clearfield County due December 10, 2012. I appreciate you holding the EPA hearing in Brady Township, Clearfield County on December 10, 2012. Please consider this letter as my request to hold this EPA hearing. My specific concerns deal with contamination of the underground sources of water.

My fiancé has recently bought a house approximately 1.5 miles from the proposed injection well site. I am most especially concerned about the coal mines that are located in the ¼ mile radius of review. Any small fracture or leak has the potential to seep into these mines and carry waste under the City of DuBois. These mines are full of water and are all over our area, so these deep mines would transmit toxic fluid into water sources.

This could affect my drinking water, and the land my house sits on. The thought of having a toxic waste dump so close to my house makes me want to move to a different town. This dump could potentially risk or harm thousands of people. Please do not allow this to happen.

Sincerely,



Leslie Barr

Mr. Stephen Platt, EPA Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch
Office of Drinking Water & Source Water Protection (3WP22)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA, 19103

November 29, 2012

Dear Mr. Platt,

This letter is to request a public hearing on the Zelman #1 Injection Well proposed for Brady Township, Clearfield County. According to recent information in the news media and information I have received a hearing has been scheduled on December 10, 2012.

I am opposed to the drilling of Zelman #1 Injection Well (Z1IW) in Brady Township Clearfield County for the following reasons. According to a map drawn by Lional Alexander, Professional Land Surveyor 22887-E there are 7 other gas wells in the area within 1800 feet of the proposed (Z1IW). I understand that 3 of these are plugged wells. There is also the deep mines of shaft #1 and shaft #2 located beneath this area. It's my understand that there are numerous private water wells in this immediate area.

My concern is that the pressure that is applied to (Z1IW) while injecting the waste water will make its way to the surface or into one of these areas described above and cause contamination. The 7 wells mentioned above may have been drilled as far back as the 1950's and even if they were properly sealed at the time over the past years the seals could have eroded.

The mine water from shaft #1 and shaft #2 comes to the surface on the DuBois Mall property and runs into Sandy Lick Creek. This is alkaline water with a PH of approximately 7.

If the pressurized water from the injection well makes its way to any of these sources listed above through any type of method it will be disastrous especially those who live close by and obtain their drinking water from the ground.

I respectfully request that the permit for the proposed Zelman #1 Injection Well to be located in Brady Township, Clearfield County be denied.

Sincerely,

Brady R. LaBorde, Sandy Township Supervisor



Cc Brady Township Supervisors
Duane Marshall
file

141 Sher. De Lin Rd.
Du Bois, Pa. 15801
Nov. 30, 2012.

Dear Sir;

I am writing to protest the permitting and construction of a commercial "class II injection well - Zelman #1" to be located in Brady Twp. Clearfield Co. Pa.

With all the acres and acres of vacant land in this area why should this well be placed so near to so many people who have water wells that supplies their drinking water?

I own property on Spafford Rd. Sandy Twp. Du Bois Pa. There is a drinking water well located on this property and I do not want it to be contaminated by the disposal of fluids produced by gas and oil wells.

Why aren't these companies required to build treatment plants to take all the poisons out of this water before it can be put into under ground wells?

I think you should live up to your title of "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency". and deny any and all disposal of poisons and chemicals into under ground wells where there is even a vague possibility of contamination of anyones water supply. I am completely opposed to issuing permits to these Gas & Oil Companies to do so.

yours truly,
Margaret Cyphert