

## Comment:

Thank you for extending the time for public comment. The following remarks come directly from the Pennsylvania Wilds Design Guide - a guide for Community Character Stewardship. Twelve counties, including Clearfield County, make up the Lumber Heritage Region of PA.

The Pennsylvania Wilds Marketing and Tourism Corporation and the Design Guide team relied upon involvement and input from 14 County Government Agencies, 5 Regional Economic Development Organizations, 2 Regional Heritage Organizations, 4 Environmental Groups, and 2 Local Government Associations. State and Federal Government Leaders providing assistance include the USDA Forest Service, the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the PA Department of Commerce and Economic Development, the Office of US Congressman John Peterson, and the PA Historical Museum Commission.

I listed those agencies/organizations because this 67-page Design Guide reflects the serious effort many people put into developing a plan to market while preserving the unique identities of our area and region. This Guide presents a delicate balance between economic development and land use issues. This Guide also represents a lot of public money put into this project.

The village of Brady Township with its agricultural and residential identity is no place for almost non-stop trucking of industrial wastes to be injected into deep wells. Any permits of this nature are in direct opposition to any planning and building of community character as prescribed in the PA Wilds Design Guide. Any permits of this nature are also in direct opposition to the Northwest Clearfield County Comprehensive Plan. Any permits of this nature are in direct opposition to all the hard work communities in twelve counties, including Clearfield County, put into the vision for the appropriate development and highest possible use of their respective land in their respective communities within a region.

I ask you to show the people of our county that all the effort, time and money pumped into making our rural agricultural/residential area one of the best places to live, to raise a family, and to work is not in jeopardy from one unwise decision. Please deny the permit to Windfall Oil and Gas.

for a deep injection well in the village of Brady Township. This archaic method of waste disposal is only a short-term fix for what appears to be a long-running industry.

The PA Wilds Design Guide includes maps and photos and is too large a document to attach so I must direct you to a link from the Clearfield County Planning Commission in the [ClearfieldCounty.org](http://ClearfieldCounty.org) website. Thank you.

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September 8, 2013

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Dear EPA:

RE: PAS2D020BCLE - Brady Township, Clearfield County, PA

This letter is to provide comment on the EPA Public Comment period for seismicity concerns for the Brady Township Underground Injection Control Permit PAS2D020BCLE. The EPA received extensive comments during 2012 that requested this permit be denied and seismicity was one of the listed concerns since area water sources could be contaminated.

1) The DuBois Reservoir and the newly dug water wells lie within the fault lines in Rockton. I am again submitting the City of DuBois commissioned geological study when the fault lines were first discovered in 1955. Prior public hearing testimony presented demonstrated residents concerns of fault lines that exist. Fluids traveling along the fault could not flow towards abandoned deep gas wells and abandoned coal mines through old casings or a syncline. This is just a problem waiting to happen.

2) Monitoring pressure is insufficient to protect residents from an injection well failure since damage to water sources will have happened before shutdown procedures could be taken. In my life, I have seen the how slowly response time is regarding fracking-related disasters. Recent examples include the Penfield, PA, well blow-out which spewed for over 18 hours and then the damage was down played. The Gulf of Mexico well blow-out is another example of a huge corporation who could not plug the spill even with their millions of dollars in equipment and manpower.

3) 2) As a 63-year resident of Clearfield County, I never experienced earthquake tremors in Clearfield County until 2 years ago when fracking in Youngstown, Ohio, sent off multi-state seismic waves. Youngstown, Ohio, never experienced earthquakes either and the same goes for Arkansas. How many more states need join these ranks before the EPA understand the correlation between seismic activity and earthquakes in areas that never experience earthquakes before?

No one can predict the future and taking a chance with our properties and water sources is an unsafe risk. This permit for a proposed disposal injection well in Brady Township should be denied due to the proximity of a City municipal water source and all the local property owners in the review area.

Sincerely,

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