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Subject: Appeal Request/Underground Injection Control Permit AS2D025BELK/Seneca Resource Corporation

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a resident of Highland Township, Elk County, Pennsylvania. I am concerned about the permit for the wastewater injection well that you issued to Seneca Resource Corporation in our township, and I want to request that you reconsider and rescind the permit.

The residents of James City have a water supply very close to this well and we believe that injecting wastewater under high pressure at this location will ruin our community's drinking water and risk the health and safety of the residents.

I believe that the safety of these types of injection wells is still in question, and that the oil and gas industry is colluding with our government and politicians to try to hide the facts of this dangerous practice. There has been enough anecdotal evidence of water sources being ruined all over the country including Pennsylvania that this practice should not be allowed to continue. I believe this practice should be totally stopped until a safer way of disposal for this toxic waste can be found. Not only have water supplies been ruined, but this practice is also causing earthquakes in Oklahoma and Ohio and this can NOT be denied. If these wells are so safe, why doesn't the EPA authorize towns to pump our sewage down these wells instead of going to the expense of treating our wastewater? We are required to treat our wastewater and the oil and gas industry should be required to do the same. They shouldn't be allowed to dump their garbage in our back yard, ruin our water supplies and go on their merry way.

There are also abandoned water wells in the area that Seneca Resources has not done enough to find. We have been led to believe that this wastewater could find its way to abandoned wells and come back up on the land.

The EPA needs to do what they were intended to do, take care of the environment and stop being a rubber stamp for the oil and gas industry who are destroying our way of life in this state. Make these people clean up their own mess and don't allow them to dump it in our town. Please put a stop to this while you still can. After our water is ruined it will be too late.

Respectfully,



cc: U.S. EPA Region III

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