



Thank you Gov. Tom Wolf for taking action when it comes to clean air

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Gov. Tom Wolf is to be commended for proposing regulations on oil and gas methane pollution in Pennsylvania. Drillers have for far too long been reckless in their practices, sending an appalling amount of methane emissions into our air, according to studies that have been done.

This is to the detriment of air quality, public health and the environment. Where climate change is concerned, scientists have shown that methane does far more harm than emissions of carbon dioxide in the short term. The drilling industry clearly does not have this problem in hand when they continue to waste methane-their own product-instead of selling it.

I am certainly no expert on the subject, but where I live, I am surrounded by newly drilled gas wells, and it is not uncommon to walk outside and notice a strange odor in the air, depending on the wind direction.

Those of us in the shale fields of southwestern Pennsylvania feel the negative impacts of this industry.

Our elected leaders in the General Assembly too often dismiss these impacts, instead only listen to the industry's side of the issue.

Wolf realizes the pollution is real and problematic, and I applaud him for taking action. Our Pennsylvania constitution grants us the right to clean air and water within the Commonwealth, and that's all we citizens ask.

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