

**RESOLUTION OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA OIL AND GAS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY BOARD**

**Proposed Amendments to 25 Pa. Code Chapter 78 Subchapter C - Environmental
Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites**

WHEREAS, the Oil and Gas Technical Advisory Board (OGTAB) is established by Section 3226 of the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Act (Act 13) for the purpose of reviewing and commenting on regulations of a technical nature to be submitted to the Environmental Quality Board; and

WHEREAS, Section 3226(d) of the Oil and Gas Act requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to consult with OGTAB in the formulation, drafting and presentation stages of all regulations of a technical nature promulgated under Act 13; and

WHEREAS, the Department published an Advance Notice of Final Rulemaking in April 2015, in which the proposed regulation was divided into separate subchapters, setting forth Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites in 25 Pa. Code Chapter 78a, Subchapter C for unconventional operations (Chapter 78a) and 25 Pa. Code Chapter 78, Subchapter C for conventional operations (Chapter 78), for the first time; and

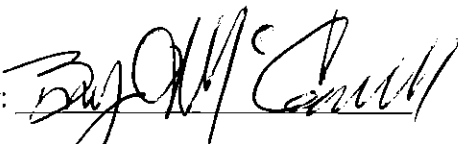
WHEREAS, the Department's presentations to OGTAB since the ANFR was published have focused almost exclusively on the Department's proposed amendments to Chapter 78a, with very little time spent reviewing or discussing Chapter 78; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Technical Advisory Committee (COGAC) was separately established to advise the Department in its development of regulations relating to conventional oil and gas extraction before submission to the Environmental Quality Board; and

WHEREAS, COGAC is reviewing and preparing comments and/or a report on the Department's proposed amendments to Chapter 78 for conventional operations.

IT IS RESOLVED, by OGTAB that:

OGTAB will incorporate the comments or reports on Chapter 78 that are developed by COGAC into the written report concerning the Department's proposed amendments to Chapter 78 and Chapter 78a that OGTAB will present to the Environmental Quality Board under Section 3226(d) of Act 13.

By: 
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By UNANIMOUS VOTE.