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**Subject:** Comments for Record - Marcellus Shale Gas Drilling

My name is Reverend Dr. Horace Strand, and I am the Chairman of the Chester Environmental Partnership located in Chester, Pennsylvania. Recently our community was being considered for the disposal of toxic wastewater specifically from the Marcellus gas drilling site in Pennsylvania. DELCORA, which had been permitted by the DEP to receive this water, treat it and release it into the Delaware River, was planning to bring this into an environmental justice community which has already been burdened with more than its share of society's ills. As of this date, we know of no known technology that would allow a sewage treatment facility to treat and release such waters into the Delaware River without causing serious problems to our ecology, aquatic life and the areas that use it for drinking water. However, through much community input and outrage, this permit was rescinded by the DEP, but we still have no guarantee that it will not be revisited at a later date.

The committee should be aware of this and should also be concerned how the DEP handled this situation. As a community leader, I'd like to know what can be done to insure that this would not occur again without community input.

Thank you,

Reverend Dr. Horace Strand  
Chairman - Chester Environmental Partnership