



March 25, 2018

**To: Representative Daryl Metcalfe, Majority Chair
Representative Greg Vitali, Minority Chair
House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee**

From: John Walliser, Pennsylvania Environmental Council

Re: House Bill 828 (P.N. 929)

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) respectfully submits the following comment on House Bill 828 (P.N. 929), which will be considered by the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee on March 26, 2019.

In the proposed subsection (e.2) for well deviation [starting on page 2, line 23 of the bill], we urge the Committee to amend this provision to expressly require Department of Environmental Protection review and approval for any deviation of the subsurface well bore path. While PEC supports reasonable operational flexibility, we believe it is essential to ensure that proper analysis is performed given the high potential for subsurface communication incidents in Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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