

AN ACT

1 Prohibiting the Department of Environmental Protection from
2 approving permits for disposal wells.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania
7 Disposal Well Prohibition Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of
13 the Commonwealth.

14 "Disposal well." A permitted well that is:

15 (1) Drilled or altered to inject brines and other fluids
16 associated with the production of oil and natural gas for
17 disposal.

1 (2) Classified as a Class II well and regulated under 40
2 C.F.R. Part 144 (relating to underground injection control
3 program).

4 Section 3. Prohibition.

5 The department is prohibited from approving any new permit
6 for the drilling or operation of any new disposal well on or
7 after the effective date of this section.

8 Section 4. Effective date.

9 This act shall take effect in 60 days.