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and quality of life from the effects of unconventional gas development

How to Document & Report Problems During Unconventional Gas Development

Residents are the eyes and ears of the community. What you see, hear, smell, and feel could be very important signs of a problem. If you see something that might indicate an emergency, such as a spill of fluids in or around your property, a strong chemical smell, or a flaring event, it is important to report those issues to the following:

National Response Center: 800-424-8802

Be sure to provide your name, address, phone number, date and time of your call and details of what you observed. Make sure to indicate that you would like them to start a formal report and ask for a case number.

<https://www.epa.gov/emergency-response/forms/contact-us-about-emergency-response>

PA DEP Complaint Hotline, Kurt Smith: 412-442-4184 or 1-866-255-5158

or file an online complaint by visiting the DEP website:

<http://www.dep.pa.gov/About/Regional/SouthwestRegion/Pages/Environmental-Complaints.aspx>

Again, provide your name, address, phone number, date and time of your call, and details of what you observed. Ask that an inspector be dispatched to the scene and a copy of the inspection report be provided to you. Make sure to indicate that you would like this to be a formal complaint and be sure to follow up with the DEP inspector.

NOTE: For a list of documented inspection records go to our website for detailed instructions:

EPA Eyes on Drilling Hotline: 877-919-437

Local Government: Alex Graziani, Township Manager

Local Government Officials

Ward 1 Commissioner, Jeff Shula: jshulacom1@penntwp.org

Ward 2 Commissioner, Ed Sullivan: esullivan@penntwp.org

Ward 3 Commissioner, Chuck Konkus: chuck.konkus@penntwp.org

Ward 4 Commissioner, Tim Gwynn: tgwynn@penntwp.org

Ward 5 Commissioner, Larry Harrison: lharr0716@yahoo.com

Twp. Manager, Alex Graziani: alexgraziani@penntwp.org

Zoning Officer, Mike Stack: mikestack@penntwp.org

Director of Community Development, Dallas Leonard: dallasleonard@penntwp.org

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You can also log complaints you have made on Protect PT's [website](http://www.protectpt.org) under "Report a Complaint" and we will help ensure your complaint is properly handled.

<http://www.protectpt.org/fracking-in-your-neighborhood>

NOTE: When filing complaint always state that you would like to file a *formal complaint*. Be sure to follow up on complaints with an email or call.

Ongoing Record Keeping Tips:

Take photos! Be sure to take photos of all activities, problems, and concerns. Include time and date stamps.

Keep a Journal: In order to help protect you and your community it is important to keep a journal with records of your observations.

For example-your journal could include the following:

- Date and time
- Weather conditions - wind direction, if you know it
- Annoying noise from traffic, heavy equipment, machinery
- Flaring events - call these into the above numbers, email local contacts, and record in your journal
- Anything new and unfamiliar
- Unexplained odors - particularly chemical smells -call those into the numbers above, email local contacts, and record in your journal
- Any trembles or shaking of your home or property
- Any changes in water quality: color, smell
- Any changes in water quantity
- Any changes in health of outdoor plants, landscaping, or pets
- Detail any inconveniences or concerns; e.g. truck traffic, noise, dirt, light
- Keep records of everyone you speak to about oil and gas activities - for example, landmen, seismic testing reps, local officials
- Keep records of everyone you speak to about problems you've reported, and any follow up they provide - be sure to include dates and times for each conversation
- Log complaints made in the [Report a Complaint](https://docs.google.com/a/protectpt.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAWW070U_teNAbKBXsDxmG3bioBKQ6NNtmSkaiJMj_cpCqkw/viewform?c=0&w=1) form on Protect PT's website
https://docs.google.com/a/protectpt.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAWW070U_teNAbKBXsDxmG3bioBKQ6NNtmSkaiJMj_cpCqkw/viewform?c=0&w=1
- **Get business cards for anyone who visits you - keep them in your journal**