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EQB Approves Drilling Wastewater Standards, Buffers, New Fees To Support Programs

The [Environmental Quality Board](#) this week approved first-of-its-kind regulations that will protect waterways from the effects of natural gas drilling wastewater, better enabling the state's Marcellus Shale reserves to be developed without sacrificing the health and quality of Pennsylvania's vital water resources.

The Board also approved a package of changes to Chapter 102 Erosion and Sedimentation Control enacting a new 150 foot stream buffer requirement and a \$5 million increase in permit fees that will help offset in part the 26 percent cut made to the Department of Environmental Protection's General Fund budget and to help support county conservation districts. ([11/23/09 Pa Environment Digest](#))