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**Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Stewards of the Lower Susquehanna and Earthworks  
File Appeal of PADEP General Permit Supporting Use of Drill Cuttings in Pavement**  
*Organizations object to research and development by driller Range Resources that would lead to  
use of gas well drill cuttings in roads and well pads on gas sites*

Harrisburg, PA - Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Stewards of the Lower Susquehanna, and Earthworks filed an appeal on September 15 with the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board (EHB) of a Residual Waste General Permit issued to Range Resources Appalachia and LAFARGE North America authorizing research and development activities to support the beneficial use of drill cuttings for pavement at gas well sites. The General Permit allows the construction of a test well pad using drill cuttings in place of cement and could result in a beneficial use determination by PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) that will allow its use in well pads and access roads at gas well sites in the state. The test pad is located uphill from two exceptional value streams, Larry's Creek and Dog Run Creek.

The organizations petitioned the EHB based on the PADEP's failure, among other things, to analyze and address the long-term impacts of the project on the community and the natural resources it depends upon and to review and address the long-term and cumulative risks to groundwater and surface water contamination. The petitioners asked the EHB to reverse PADEP's approval.

A copy of the filing is available at: <http://bit.ly/1oWAG7Y>