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Governor: DEP Hire 68 More Staff To Deal With Marcellus Shale, Pass Severance Tax

Gov. Rendell this week directed the Department of Environmental Protection to begin hiring 68 new personnel who will make sure drilling companies obey state laws and act responsibly to protect water supplies. And he again called on General Assembly to pass a natural gas severance tax.

DEP also will strengthen oil and gas regulations to improve well construction standards. These critical upgrades are designed to prevent gas leaks that can pose risks to the public and water quality.

