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On December 20, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court struck down Act 13, state drilling regulations that would have established a protected zone around the PA's waterways, preventing any drilling within 300-feet them. This January, however, the PA Governor called on drillers to honor the law even though it was struck down.

Although the state Department of Environmental Protection has not received any new applications honoring the Governor's request, those associated with PA oil and gas companies report that they will comply with the additional regulations.

The state supreme court ruled Act 13 unconstitutional because it attempted to supersede local zoning rules.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection