

Ron Gulla~Testimonial About Gas Well Drilling On My Farm
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What they are doing is unbelievable. I've got a pond that is almost 3 acres and they contaminated it. Do you think I can get anything done? They denied it. Where the hell did it come from? Did it fall from the sky? I could see the fluid coming out from the tow of the heel—the tow of the location. I could see the discolored H2O coming out there. I said it's coming from your damn pit. I called the DEP, the DEP wouldn't do shit. Then he (the DEP) mailed a letter to me 7 months after. It stated my contamination of my pond had nothing to do with the drilling practice. I could give you seven peoples' names. Everyone down here is so disgusted. The public is outraged at the supervisors at the township because they're not even attempting to help us. All they're saying is that PA gas act was passed. I don't care if that PA gas act was passed. Call the legislatures. Call our senators—our representatives. I'm also in litigation with Range Resources because I've had so many terrible things happen.

I leased my farm around 2002/2003. They lied to me about the lease. I told the girl I didn't want to sign for 7 year. I said I would sign a 5 year lease. She said there weren't any other leases. She also said, "This is under a pool they want to unitize." I said, "I want to stand alone."** You cant do that. She lied about all that. I was that last one to sign in that area at the time. What am I going to do? I thought, I'm not even going to do this. Then I thought, well, I'd like to have free gas because I want to build a new house on the farm. I think I'm going to have one well, 2 wells. I'm thinking they're going to be vertical wells. They go down like 6600 to 6800 feet. Then they go directional. Once you are under a pool that's why they want to unitize you, or form a pool, because they will go underneath adjoining properties. That's why they did what they did. I was the first directional here. I don't know of any other directional wells in PA. When I worked in western NY, in the industry, there was no such thing. It was always down south and off shore. I was the guinea pig. I've got two directionals on my property and two verticals. I've got four vertical, but two went directional.

They've been on my farm since July or August after they started to do the excavation of the first well of 2005. They've been there ever since. I've got traffic on my property and my property was secluded. **I have no more privacy. My farm was totally devastated. My pond got contaminated.** I can't eat the fish. I'm a big archery hunter. I can't hunt on the property. I've got people in and out of there. I've got garbage—litter everywhere. They've cut roads in. The excavation they did was absolutely outrageous. These guys didn't know what they were doing. They were butchers. I'm fighting with them constantly. No portojohns!**

The guy that came around works for the PA game commission. He's privy to information. Great Lakes was bought out by Range Resources. Now they go by Range Resources Appalachia.

Some of the neighbors I talked to, Dave Krear, said he's so disgusted that he signed. He's won conservation awards. He told me, "I don't sleep." I just lay there and think about

what they did to my property. His wife's a nurse. There's no respect what so ever. They know they can do whatever they want to do. There's nothing to do about it. We're thinking, so this is America? The guys don't stay on the road. They go in his crop fields, get stuck, garbage everywhere. When they back filled the well site, they didn't fill it properly. They brought frac tanks up there and they set them up there—four or five. He drives an 18 wheeler. He went with his tractor. He hooked up all those tanks, on at a time, and pulled them off his property. His property is leased to them, so he's screwed.

Would you mind sharing a copy of your lease? I don't care. My neighbor just bought 60 acres across the street. He used to be district attorney of Washington County. His wife is a doctor. He works with the DEP all the time. He sees what's being done. He said, "If we would do that, you would crucify us!" He was planting pine trees. Another farm did a directional. It's been open up for two years. It's never been backfilled. He goes down to the little stream to water his tree. I smell something like cutting oil. He sees a sheen on the grass. He follows it up to the location (of the directional well). They were taking the fluids from the flow pits. The flow pits are fluids. They were taking that fluid and dumping it. It was out of sight. Nobody could see what was going on. They were dumping in the pits up there from the well they had drilled, the directional, and left those pits open. They're putting extra tanks up there that they were putting fluid in those tanks. The neighbor was bitching. You're using my place as a dump and a storage facility. He multi-lists to the DEP. They backfilled that pit. It oozed up out—it ran down about ½ mile through that stream. It's in a feeder stream and it's going in to a main stream. One of the big dirt movers started compacting it so it doesn't leak.

Meanwhile it's all going through neighbor's property. He's livid and he calls the DEP. They say there's nothing they can do. He says, "Did you take water or dirt samples?" DEP said, "We don't have to do that." He said, "I want to talk to your supervisors." It's wrecking his life. His wife despises the drilling.

I had a fishkill, there was so much silt from the well site that filled the pond. Their soil and erosion control plan was a joke. They had none. The DEP told me that. Oh by the way, there's a farm for sale on the other side of the town. What if we bought that farm in exchange for your farm? He said, find out what they want for it. Deal with our land man. I talked to him. He said it was free of leases. He said he wouldn't have the nerve to ask you to lease that property after everything you've been put through, but we would love to lease that property.

I was making 4000 a month on the wells here. Range Resources was already looking to buy that farm, but I didn't know that. We got a realtor we want you to use. So I meet the guy. I tell him I want you to check the title of that property (May 2007). He tells me. The ***** sheet says no gas lines. I'll go to the courthouse and do that. They were trying to set me up, to take me down, because this last directional well came in gang busters and they wanted me out of the way. We went July 26th to look at the farm. I signed a sales agreement, but I didn't make it contingent. I've got the money. We make an offer for the farm. The realtor recommended my wife and I not go to meet the family. The three sisters asked the realtor if he represented Range Resources. They said they wanted nothing to do

with him. They wanted the farm to stay as a farm. The people said they didn't want Range Resources there.

He said he didn't represent Range Resources –by the way Ron, no big deal—out of 165 acres, that 65 acres is leased. The land man knew how to pull raw deals. In court...No, Mr. Gullo never asked me to do a title search...He said Mr. Gulla wants to drill on that farm. They dropped 18 tri-axle loads of mill slag on my property, it's contaminated. He said, I assumed he wanted to drill. My wife and I were sitting there. I'm thinking "What a lying piece of shit."

I was suing Range Resources and the realtor for fraud. I have no place to go. They know what they're going to make off this ground. I cleared about 80 acres on this place, this farm is ruined. I cleared 80 acres last year, I was going to build a new house. I don't want to live here anymore. What you need to know on these wells is that on these wells there's Estimated Ultimate Recovery, they don't want anyone to know about the EURs.

What if they drilled next door you've got the well tenders going, you've got the excess traffic, the rigs moving in and out, the service rigs when they frac, the frac trucks, the water trucks, the well tenders, the truck to suck the brine water out of the wells—out of the tanks. The peace is gone you won't have as much traffic after they're done, but you're always going to have people monitoring and servicing those wells. Nobody can tap in. They're selling all the gas and making all the money.

The township is afraid of them. They have all the high powered attorneys. All the neighbors are broken hearted. They're devastated. They're supposed to give us so many days notices. They never gave us notices. I told them where to put the road. They put the total opposite. I told him twice. I want to know what's happening on my property. It tells you right in the lease. They are not allowed here to do that. They put stuff here and there and they leave it for months. They have to contact the lessor, but they don't. They do what they want to do. With the slag they dumped. I got word back from one guy who doesn't work for them anymore. The upper management said, "Let him sue us."

I told the DEP to check the mud. The DEP won't check the mud at the bottom of my pond. They said it's a liability and they won't do it. My neighbor asked them if they'd take a water sample. They said no, a soil sample—they're not required to do it. There's these 500 barrel tanks they pull in with tractors. They have 3" overflow tubes. That overflow was coming out full bore. It was running right along the tanks into the creeks. I called the DEP—I got a record of calls. It ran the full day, my mother is a witness.