



**League of Women Voters  
of Texas**

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**TESTIMONY  
HB 2255  
House Committee on Environmental Regulation  
APRIL 22, 2009**

The League of Women Voters of Texas SUPPORTS HB 2255 by Representative Kelly Hancock, restricting the release of natural gas into the air from gas wells in the Newark, East (Barnett Shale) field.

After the date gas is encountered in a well, gas from the well may not be permitted to escape into the air after the second day. The TCEQ may extend that time if the operator presents information to show the necessity for the escape.

These vapors have been shown to be a major source of air pollution, and this is a reasonable way to counteract these emissions.

Thank you for your consideration of our support for this bill.