**MYTH 1**

*The Mad Rush to Frack Act* strengthens local governments’ ability to protect their communities from drilling.

**FACT:**
- This law strips local governments of the ability to protect communities and families from natural gas drilling.
- It allows the state to prevent localities from attempting to regulate natural gas drilling.  
  **Section 3302**
- It also strikes down any locality’s previously adopted ordinance to regulate or ban natural gas drilling.  
  **Section 3303**
- Finally, this law forces all localities to allow natural gas operations in all zoning districts, including residential areas.  
  **Section 3304**

**MYTH 2**

*The Mad Rush to Frack Act* generates much-needed revenue for statewide environmental programs.

**FACT:**
- This law is more focused on padding the wallets of the industry than on protecting our health or our environment.
- The law includes subsidies for natural gas vehicle programs.  
  **Section 2702**
- The gas industry will get handouts to expand natural gas production in PA.  
  **Section 2315 (a.1)(6)**

**MYTH 3**

*The Mad Rush to Frack Act* provides drinking water protection and full disclosure of chemicals used in fracking.

**FACT:**
- The industry can still claim multiple harmful fracking fluids as a “trade secret” and not disclose what the chemicals are or how much is pumped into the ground.  
  **Section 3222(b.2)**
- A provision does allow health providers access to these “trade secrets” to treat a patient, but requires the healthcare worker to sign a gag order preventing him or her from ever sharing knowledge of the harmful fracking fluids.  
  **Section 3222.1(b)(11)**

**MYTH 4**

*The Mad Rush to Frack Act* provides stronger safety initiatives, including increased setbacks from water wells and public drinking sources.

**FACT:**
- A driller can put a fracking well pad just 300 feet from your house. That’s a football field away from where your children play.  
  **Section 3304(b)(5.1)**
- Drillers can also frack a well only 300 feet from streams, wetlands, and other bodies of water.  
  **Section 3215(b)**
MYTH 5
The Mad Rush to Frack Act increases fines for violations.

FACT:
• This law imposes very weak penalties for drilling companies that violate environmental protections. These penalties are just a drop in the bucket for companies that bring in hundreds of millions of dollars each year in profits.
  • Under this bill, a general violation will be raised from $300 to only $1,000. Section 3255(a)
  • What is even worse: Willful violation penalties will remain unchanged at $5,000. Section 3255(b)

MYTH 6
The Mad Rush to Frack Act gives clear authority for the Department of Environmental Protection to revoke and deny permits.

FACT:
• A municipality may not contest any drilling permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection. Section 3215(d)
  • As of April 2011, of the 7,019 applications DEP had processed since 2005, only 31 had been rejected — less than one-half of one percent. USA Today LINK
  • At this rate and now with the possibility for the state to make as much as $60,000 per well during the first year of production, it is unlikely DEP will deny many permits in the future. Section 2302(b)(1)(v)

MYTH 7
The Mad Rush to Frack Act gives increased protection from compressor stations.

FACT:
• The industry must place loud compressor stations near pipelines to pump the gas across the country, whether it’s in your backyard or not.
  • A compressor station can now be placed just 200 feet from your property line, and 750 feet from your house — and can operate at 60 decibels 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Section 3304(b)(7)
  • Compression stations can be located anywhere, even in residential districts. Section 3304(b)(7)

MYTH 8
The Mad Rush to Frack Act gives increased protection from frack pits.

FACT:
• Frack pits allow the industry to store their fracking sludge near drill sites, even if you can see it from your doorstep.
  • An oil and gas impoundment can be placed in any residential district, just 300 feet from your house. Section 3304(b)(6)

MYTH 9
The Mad Rush to Frack Act limits gas processing plants to industrial districts.

FACT:
• Natural gas plants now will be seen near farms and in our state’s most rural of areas.
  • Municipalities must authorize gas processing plants for use in agricultural districts. Section 3304(b)(8)

MYTH 10
The Mad Rush to Frack Act does not affect me, since I live nowhere near gas drilling sites.

FACT:
• This law is bad for all Pennsylvanians.
  • It limits the authority of all municipalities to oversee any aspect of oil and gas development in their area.
  • This includes the location of gas pipelines, seismic exploration, transport and storage of chemicals and wastewater, and hours of operation. Section 3302
  • Any of these operations can take place in your own town.