



League of Women Voters
of Texas

TESTIMONY
SB 902
Senate Committee on Natural Resources
April 7, 2009

The League of Women Voters of Texas **SUPPORTS SB 902** by Senator Wendy Davis restricting the release of natural gas into the air from gas wells in the Newark, East (Barnett Shale) field.

Gas from a gas well may not be permitted to escape into the air after the second day after the date gas is encountered in the well. 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.