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Representative Pat Brown
Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative Brown,

Please reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal. Please reply to this issue.

Sincerely,
Jon E. Radakovich

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DEAR REPRESENTATIVE,
PAT BROWNE,



I, ALONG WITH EVERY ONE ELSE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE FOR YOU TO REJECT THE DEP'S CURRENT ANTI-DEGRADATION PROPOSAL, AND TO ADOPT THE SIMPLER, BETTER STANDARDS OF THE EPA.

I AM FIGHTING AND HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR A LONG TIME TO MAKE THINGS BETTER IN THIS WORLD FOR ME AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. NOT TO LET THEM GET WORSE.

THIS LETTER IS NOT ASKING YOU TO REJECT THE DEP'S PROPOSAL, IT IS TELLING YOU TO DO SO.

THANK YOU ;

PLEASE REPLY

GEORGE J. KLUK
2514 COLORODO ST. ALLENTOWN PA . 18103

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DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BROWNE,

PLEASE REJECT THE CURRENT DEP. PROPOSAL
IF IT EASES CLEAN WATER REGULATIONS AND
LOWERS OUR WATER QUALITY STANDARDS. I WOULD
ALSO LIKE TO SEE FLOURIDE REMOVED FROM
OUR DRINKING WATER.

PLEASE REPLY IF YOU CAN,

Charles Durepo

P.S. HOW'S CHRIS DOING? (BROTHER)

CHARLES DUREPO
924 S. ELIZABETH ST.
ALLENTOWN, PA. 18103

April 4, 1997

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Representative Pat Brown
Main Capital Bldg.
Harrisburg, Pa

Dear Representative Brown,
Please reject the DEP's current
anti-degradation proposal. This
would lower water quality
standards. We need regulations
to provide greater protection
of our waterways.

Sincerely,
Cheryl K. Gilbert
1072 Eldstone Rd
Allentown Pa
18103

To Representative Pat Browne

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REJECT the DEP's current
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- Please Support the C.W.A. organization to keep our Children in good health.

Thanks.

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Cheryl

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Evelyn Dieks
6 Cherokee Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania 18049

Apr. 10, 1997

Dear Representative Browne,

My husband Allan and I

Seriously request that you
reject the DEP's current
anti-degradation Proposal.

We need to tell the EQB
and the EPA that we need
standards that protect our
waterways from any more
degradation.

In anticipation, I am

Yours Sincerely,

Evelyn Dieks

Do you know where to go?

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Pat Brown

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Dear Sir:

We are writing to inform you that we are against the anti-deposition proposal.

Do not pollute the river streams & waterways.

All of us will suffer the consequences if you do.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jeanne Lafrey

4/4/97

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Sir:
Please reject the DEP's current
anti-degradation proposal.

David Kern

4/5/97

Representative Pat Browne
Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Rep. Browne,

Please reject the DEP's
current anti-degradation proposal
and adopt the simpler, better
standards of the EPA.

Thank you for your
thoughtful consideration of the
above.

Respectfully,

Mary G. McConnell
934 East Park St.
Allentown, PA 18103

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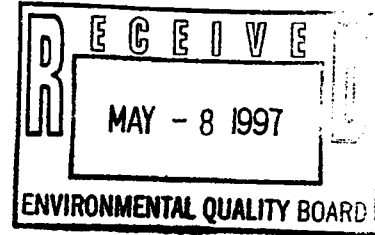
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Environmental Quality Board
P.O. Box 8477
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

Dear Environmental Quality Board:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my concerns regarding the proposed water antidegradation regulations. I fear that, if approved, the weaker standards outlined in the proposed regulations will cause permanent, irreversible damage to our streams. Therefore, it is necessary to address the problems that will result from the changes in stream classification before the revisions are approved and implemented.

When the Environmental Protection Agency took action to bring Pennsylvania into compliance with the Clean Water Act, I felt confident that the state would react by raising the standards of protecting our streams. However, when I reviewed the water antidegradation regulations proposed by the Department of Environmental Protection, I was disappointed. I fear that these changes may further threaten the quality of our waterways rather than enhancing the protection of them.

I believe that the qualifications for classification of streams must be more carefully considered before these regulations are approved. I am hopeful that, after further review, the Environmental Quality Board will recognize the shortcomings of this plan.

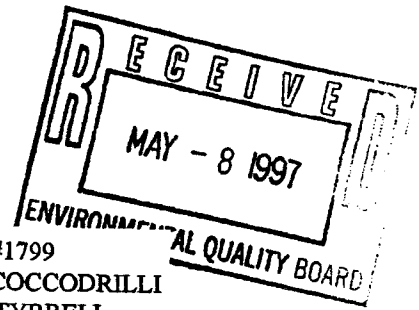
Thank you for your consideration of my concerns. If you would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Dan A. Surra
State Representative

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cc: Clean Water Action



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COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED WATER QUALITY ANTIDegradation REGULATION

One of the most significant promises made by Governor Ridge during his campaign was to cut back on excessive environmental regulations. He asked you to help him fulfill that pledge when he issued Executive Order 1996-1.

Governor Ridge's Executive Order requires any state regulation that is more stringent than its federal counterpart to be brought into line with the federal standards unless there is a state law that requires a stronger program or there is some overriding Pennsylvania interest that warrants tougher controls.

The proposed water quality antidegradation regulation ignores Governor's Executive Order. It includes many elements that are substantially more stringent than the what is required by EPA's antidegradation program without any justification other than a failed regulatory negotiation.

The Department of Environmental Protection should have drafted the proposed regulation to satisfy the mandates of the Governor's executive order. Since it did not, you should change the regulation to do so before you approve it as a final rule.

I urge you to amend the final regulation as follows:

Change the Exceptional Value Waters program so that it only applies to outstanding waters on public lands.

The EV waters standard is the most glaring violation of the Governor's Executive Order contained in the proposed regulation. EPA's program only applies to Outstanding National Resource Waters on public lands, but DEP's proposal goes much further.

The EV designation should be reserved for streams that are truly unique or exhibit statewide or national significance. Many of the Pennsylvania streams currently classified as EV cannot meet that standard, and the proposed regulation lets DEP continue to designate EV streams that could never meet such a standard.

Almost half of the streams now classified by DEP as EV waters are on private lands. DEP should not be permitted to designate waters that flow through private lands for EV protection because of the extreme restrictions the designation imposes on individuals and communities who wish to use the waters responsibly to improve their quality of life.

Expand public participation in the EV designation decision.

If the final regulation allows the EV designation to be placed on private watershed lands, you should provide for more public participation in the decision to designate EV waters. The proposed rulemaking asks for more public input on technical issues, but it brushes aside any public discussion of the serious economic and social impacts that the EV designation can have for the people who live and work in the affected watershed.

The regulation should be changed to require DEP to get the people affected by an EV upgrade to buy into it. Specifically:

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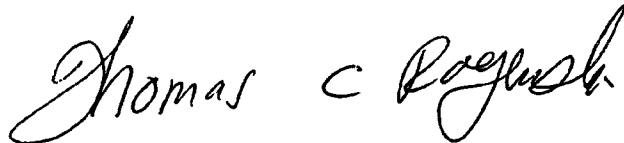
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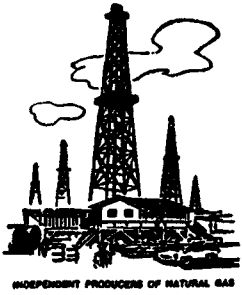
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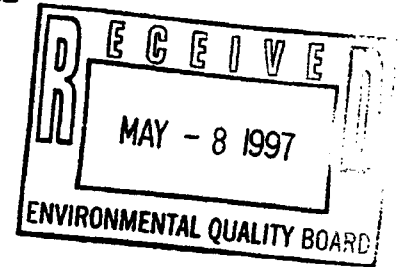


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Sincerely,

Ronald A. Fisher - President

HARRY A. READSHAW, MEMBER

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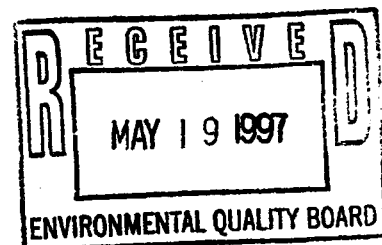
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Environmental Quality Board
P.O. Box 8465
Harrisburg, PA 17105

To Whom It May Concern,

I am addressing my concerns with the DEP proposed regulations concerning the draft water quality regulations.

1. **Exceptional Value Streams:** These are the best streams in Pennsylvania and deserve the best protection. DEP's proposed standard of "no measurable change" is not protective enough because some chemicals, like dioxin, are harmful even at very low levels. The current federal requirement of no new discharges to EV streams will better protect them.
2. **High Quality:** Currently, streams qualify for HQ status by passing either a test of water chemistry or biological life in the stream. Now, DEP wants to make streams pass both tests in order to qualify for HQ status. This two test requirement is weaker than current standards, and makes it harder to classify streams as High Quality. This in turn will mean pollution and degradation of streams that in fact should qualify for HQ status. DEP needs to withdraw this proposed change and retain the standard of passing either test in order to qualify for HQ.



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May 16, 1997

- 3. Existing Use: The current proposal would not provide interim protection for improved uses in a stream while DEP reviews data about the stream. This means that degradation can occur in the time it takes to review the data. If there is evidence that a stream has improved, it must be protected at the new, higher level while the full documentation is being reviewed.

Sincerely,



Harry Readshaw
Member
36th Legislative Dist.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
DATE: 5/16/97
TO: HARRY READSHAW
FROM: [illegible]
SUBJECT: [illegible]

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SENATOR JACK WAGNER
MAY 22 1997
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Dear Senator Wagner,

I would like you to reject the
DEP'S current anti-degradation proposal,
and adopt the simpler, better standards
of the EPA.

Please keep me updated on the progress
Thank you,
Bernadette Kraly
161 Plymouth St.
P6H Pa. 15211

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DEAR SENATOR WAYNER,
PLEASE REJECT THE DEPT'S CURRENT
ANTI-INTEGRATION PROPOSAL

MY JOB DEPENDS ON THE OHIO
RIVER AND I ENJOY ALL TYPES OF
WATER RECREATION AS WELL. I WOULD
LIKE TO KEEP IT CLEAN

THANK YOU,
Chester Johnson
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Main Capitol Bldg
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Dear Senator Wagner,

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Thank You,

Judy Boyle
238 Fingal St.
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William J. Kress
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May 16, 1997

Senator Wagner
Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Sen. Wagner:

I urge you to reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal. It would result in lower water quality standards, increased costs to municipal water authorities, and a greater threat to public health and safety. Instead of these proposals, we need proposals that result in improved water quality. I appreciate the cleanliness of the waters in the Clarion River basin while on vacation, for example. Lower water quality would affect recreational activities as well as the quality of everyday life. Please act in the public's interest on this matter.

Sincerely,



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Kathryn S. Kress
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Sincerely,



Kathryn S. Kress

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Dear Senator Wagner:

I am writing to you today to express my sincere concern over the quality of our water today and in the future. As a parent, consumer and concerned citizen, I refuse to believe that I have to accept continually declining water quality. Or, that I should pay more for this injustice.

So, I beg you to please Reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal.

I hope the concerns of everyday citizens will help you decide the best way to vote. Please, let me hear what your decision is.

Sincerely,
Angela C. Guesman
Angela C. Guesman

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Attention: Senator Wagner

I request for you to reject
the DEP's current anti-
degradation proposal

I request a response in
writing.

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Senator Wagner

Please reject the DEP's current
anti-degradation proposal.

I am sick and tired of seeing our
rivers being used for dumping garbage.

Thank you
Cyrus Du Patis

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DEBRA A. MARS

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Dear Senator Wagner:

I am writing to you to ask that you reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal.

It is important that we ensure the quality of our water for future generations.

Sincerely,

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proposal. adopt the simpler,
better standards of the EPA.

Thank You,

Please Reply:

Lorraine L. Keel
665 Orchard Ave.
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Robert Sandford
541 Dawson Ave #1
Pittsburgh, PA 15202

Dear Senator Wagner,

I am writing asking that you reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal and that you would adopt the simpler, better EPA standards. As it is our rivers are an overtaxed crucial asset to this area and must be carefully protected.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert Sandford

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May 15, 1997

Mr. James Seif
Chairman, Environmental Quality Board
16th Floor, Rachel Carson Building
P. O. Box 8477
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

Dear Mr. Seif:

I write to express my displeasure and opposition to the possible lowering of present water quality standards.

Our water supply - either recreational or human consumption - is a very valuable resource, and we must protect it and maintain the highest standards possible for its quality. There is only a specific amount of water available on this planet earth, and with each passing day, more and more of it is "used" and returned to the environment. It is our obligation to ensure the greatest degree of protection to our water resource so that it is returned as a "quality" product.

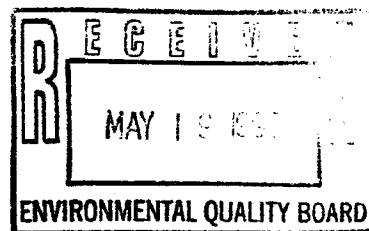
Therefore, I urge you to give the highest priority possible to maintaining the highest water quality standards possible, and to ensure that present regulations are not degraded.

Respectfully,

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The Honorable Mary Jo White
Pennsylvania Senate
Room 168 MC
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator White:

I am writing on behalf of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Sierra Club to urge your support for the final rulemaking on antidegradation that is before the Environmental Quality Board. We believe that the Department of Environmental Protection has effectively addressed the major deficiencies that USEPA identified in Pennsylvania's antidegradation regulations.

The final rulemaking represents a substantial improvement over the 1997 proposed rulemaking, especially in the clarification of the criteria for waters to qualify as High Quality and Exceptional Value streams. While we have some specific outstanding concerns, we believe that the changes that DEP has made from that earlier proposal ensure that Pennsylvania's program has the potential to afford adequate protection to its lakes, rivers and streams.

Our support for this rulemaking is predicated on the understanding that the DEP will be revising the Special Protection Handbook. We see that revision process as an opportunity to ensure that the implementation of the antidegradation regulation will be effective. We intend to be actively engaged in that revision process.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Stibich
Chair, Sierra Club Pennsylvania Chapter



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