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New Proposal/Water Quality Rules

Gentlemen:

This letter is my protest against the current course of action.

I am not happy with DEP's continued effort to avoid reasonable protection for Pennsylvania's waters. DEP continues to waste time and our money developing inadequate rules that do not meet the federal standards or PROTECT our environment..

An adequate proposal must:

1. Protect Exceptional Value streams/watersheds.
2. Protect High Quality streams/watersheds.
3. Prevent discharge into/degradation of EV waters.
4. Prevent degradation of wetlands.
5. Provide a level of protection for waters not presently graded.
6. Give weight to public lands in the selection process.

The present document has no credence.

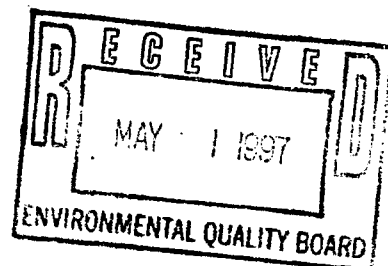
It appears that Environmental Protection is not on the authors agenda. They should be allowed or required to resign.

Please convey my feelings to the members of the board. Thank you.

Yours truly,

  
Rodney L. Horton

1037 Shearwater Dr.  
Audubon, PA 19403-2011



Date 4/27/97

Edward R. Brezina  
Bureau of Watershed Conservation  
P.O. Box 8555  
Harrisburg, PA 171055-8555

RE: Proposed Antidegradation Regulations

Dear Mr. Brezina:

I am completely opposed to your gutting everything that is good about the current antidegradation regulations and replacing them with weaker laws that will not protect our streams. These new regs will not protect existing uses, will make it harder for streams to get protection as high quality and exceptional value streams, and worst of all, will allow the redesignation of existing streams to lower categories that offer less protection.

The few good elements of your proposed scheme cannot be separated from the overall bad language. I would suggest, therefore, that you withdraw the entire package and rewrite it so that it protects the environment. In the alternative, keep the regulations now in place.

In addition, these proposed regulations do not meet minimum federal requirements, and you know that they do not. You were hired to protect the environment, so please do your job and stop wasting taxpayer money by refusing to comply with the law.

Sincerely,

*Alan S. Peterson, MD*

Name:

*Alan S. Peterson, MD*

Address:

*243 Shultz Rd.*

*Laurel, Pa. 17603*

cc: Michael McCabe,  
EPA Regional Administrator  
841 Chestnut Building  
Philadelphia, PA 19107



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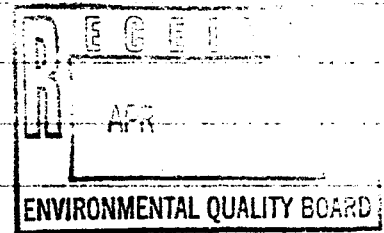
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Dear Sir or Madam

As a taxpayer I would like you to reject the D & P's current anti-degradation proposal and to adopt the simpler better standards of the E.P.A.

Thank you.  
Ann MacNeil  
653 Wallace Dr.  
Wayne, Pa  
19087

P.S. I would like a response to this letter



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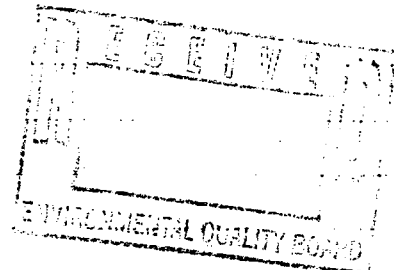
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To: Environmental Quality Board

Please reject the DEP's current  
anti-degradation proposal.  
Protecting our waterways at a  
high standard is imperative.

Sincerely,  
Brooke Suter  
348 S. Atlantic Ave, #3  
PGH, PA 15224.



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To Whom It May Concern:

It has been brought to my attention that Pennsylvania has been OUT OF COMPLIANCE with the clean water regulations for ten years. As the mother of two sons and an individual hoping to be the grandmother of several, I am appalled to learn this. I urge you, with all my heart, to reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal and to direct your efforts toward bringing us into compliance with regulations that are in our best interests.

We need high standards that protect our waterways from further degradation, not new legislation that would lower the standards. Please protect our precious water sources for future generations. VOTE AGAINST the anti-degradation proposal on the table.

Thank you for your attention to MY concerns.

Yours truly,

*Martha Ann Terry*  
Martha Ann Terry, Ph.D.

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305 Farwood Road  
Wynnewood, PA 19096

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Gentlemen:

RE: Proposed Water Quality Rules

I am writing to you to express my concern over the currently proposed water quality rules. I believe they represent a major step backward from current state rules and fall short of EPA federal standards and as such that they are a threat to our state's water resources.

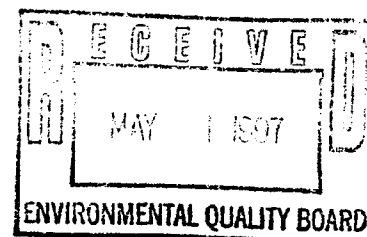
Some of the particularly noxious items in the proposed rules include exemptions for justification for degradation of high quality waters, failure to consider whether a stream is on public land in granting exceptional value status and no longer considering high quality and exceptional value as protected water uses.

The proposed rules, in my opinion, appear to be more oriented toward protecting various economic interests than in protecting our waters and should be rejected.

Please make the members of the board aware of my concerns.

Sincerely,

  
Paul A. Litke, MD



CC: Rep. G. Vitale  
Valley Forge Trout Unlimited

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This letter is in reference to the Clean Water Act.

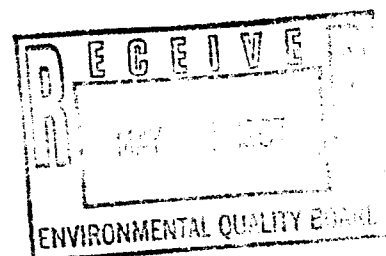
I am requesting that you reject the DEP's  
current anti-degradation proposal.

Please reply as to your opinion on this matter.

Thank You,

*Brenda Fenton*

Brenda Fenton  
230 Lincoln Hall Road  
Elizabeth, PA 15037



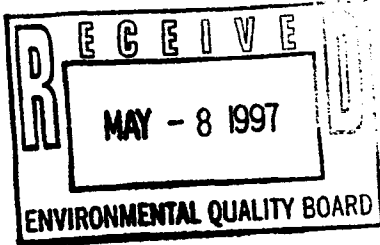
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*Watersheds Association*

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Edgemont, PA 19028  
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Environmental Quality Board  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
P.O. Box 8465  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: New Proposed Water Quality Rules

Gentlemen:

Please consider this letter to be the protest of the 200 members of the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association on the aforementioned subject.

We are not at all satisfied with the continued effort on the part of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to avoid reasonable protection for the waters of Pennsylvania. The persons operating as the state's representatives are still applying the diatry tactics which have twice within memory resulted in litigation which found the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at fault and the Environmental Protection Agency was required to intervene.

And, now this new proposal is a setback to the environmental gains made in the past to protect Pennsylvania waters. For example:

The High Quality and the Exceptional Value aspects need to stay as protected water uses, so that our best streams will not receive further degradation;

Contrary to Federal Regulations, no weight has been given to public lands in the selection process;

Another concern is that discharges and degradation of Exceptional Value waters may occur;

There needs to be an integration of wetland protection with antidegradation;

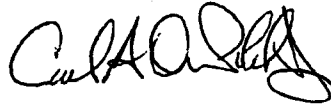
And also, waters that have not yet been assessed, are protected at the lowest level.



This proposal contains numerous items that are potentially damaging to the environment. We strongly urge rejections of these proposed regulations.

We present the foregoing for your consideration. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerele,  
CHESTER RIDLEY CRUM WATERSHEDS ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl A. DuPoldt, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

Carl A. DuPoldt, Jr.  
President



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Mr. Robert E. Nyce, Executive Director  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
14th Floor, Harristown #2  
333 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Proposed Rulemaking - Water Quality Amendments - Antidegradation (#7-310)

Dear Mr. Nyce:

The Environmental Quality Board has received comments regarding the above referenced proposed rulemaking from the following:

1. Robin M. Koski
2. Ms. Carol E. Butler
3. Ms. Jane Swartley
4. J. Evans and Ms. Paula Evans
5. Ms. Rachel Weiss
6. Ms. Kimberly Buck
7. Leslie T. McKee
8. Ms. Linda Jacobson-Flynn
9. Ms. Patricia G. Cronin
10. Rene van Gamert
11. Mr. and Mrs. David A. Rogers
12. Ms. Sabine Rehm

These comments are enclosed for your review. Copies have also been forwarded to the Senate and House Environmental Resources and Energy Committees. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sharon K. Freeman  
Regulatory Coordinator

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Reject the DE P's current  
cont. degradation proposal

Thank You

David Kilpatrick  
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Malvern, PA 19355-2412

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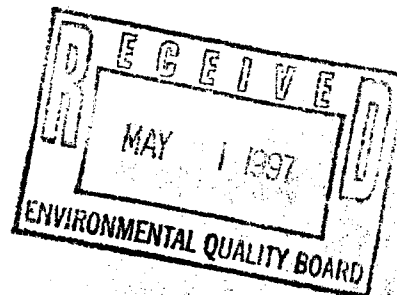
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I would urge you to reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal and to adopt the simpler, better standards of the EPA.

Yours faithfully

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114 Timber Springs Ln  
Exton, PA 19341  
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POB 8465  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am fervently against the DEP's latest proposal to alter our water quality standards. Among many reasons are the following:

- Tier 2 water should not have to meet both a water chemistry and biology test. The Federal requirements do not stipulate such.
- The DEP should continue to consider and give weight to waters located on public lands.
- The DEP should continue to evaluate watersheds and not just surface waters.
- Unassessed waters should not be protected at the lowest level.
- HQ & EU status should remain "protected water uses" and receive EPA scrutiny.

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Thank you for hearing my grievance  
on this issue. Please convey my opinion to  
the Board.

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Sincerely,

*E.P. Messikomer*  
E.P. Messikomer



George P. Fennell  
2405 W. Union St.  
Allentown, PA 18104-6220

*April 28, 1997*

*Gentlemen:*

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*Please reject the DCP's current  
anti-degradation proposal.  
Please reply.*

*Sincerely  
George P. Fennell*

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GEORGE W. GEPHART, JR.  
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To Whom It May Concern

Re: New Proposal/Water Quality Rules

I am writing to protest the Proposal. It effectively rips apart all prior good work by the DEP to protect our watersheds.

High Quality and Exceptional Value designations must stay intact to protect our water.

The Proposal gives no consideration to public lands in the selection process - The Fed Regs Do!

Allowing discharges & degradation into EV. waters is heinous!

The proposal gives all unassessed water the lowest level designation - allowing for misuse.

This proposal is a terrible step in the wrong direction, and I hope you and your Board members consider the consequences.

Sincerely  
George W. Gephart, Jr.





John and Annette Johnson

1085 Harmony Hill Road  
Downingtown, PA 19335

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Environmental Quality Board  
Department of Environmental Protection  
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Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Proposed Water Quality Standards

Dear Board Members,

We are voicing our objections to D.E.P.'s proposal which will reduce water quality standards in Pennsylvania's waterways below the minimum E.P.A. requirements as specified by the Federal Clean Water Act.

We want stricter regulation than the Clean Water Act requires now.

What we recommend the Board do:

1 - **EXCEPTIONAL VALUE:** If it's exceptional - No new discharge! The entire watershed must continue to be considered and included.

2 - **HIGH QUALITY:** If the water meets either one of the two standards, then protect it as high quality. All streams in Pennsylvania should and could be 'high quality', providing enforcement and education were a high priority.

3 - **EXISTING USES:** Protect it at the current level; no delays; no loopholes; no degradation!

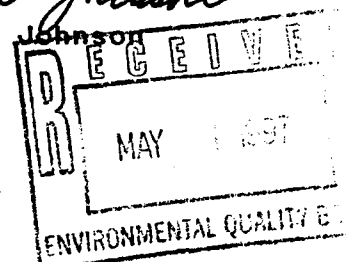
Quite simply, our message is:

**NO MORE DEGRADATION OF PENNSYLVANIA'S  
WATERWAYS!**

Sincerely,

  
Annette and M. John Johnson

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Bureau of Watershed Conservation  
P.O. Box 8555  
Harrisburg, PA 171055-8555

RE: Proposed Antidegradation Regulations

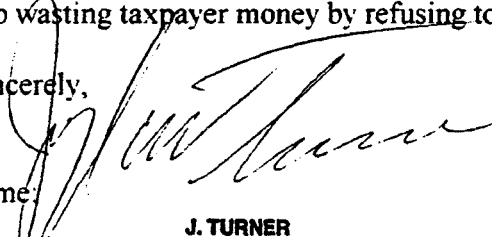
Dear Mr. Brezina:

I am completely opposed to your gutting everything that is good about the current antidegradation regulations and replacing them with weaker laws that will not protect our streams. These new regs will not protect existing uses, will make it harder for streams to get protection as high quality and exceptional value streams, and worst of all, will allow the redesignation of existing streams to lower categories that offer less protection.

The few good elements of your proposed scheme cannot be separated from the overall bad language. I would suggest, therefore, that you withdraw the entire package and rewrite it so that it protects the environment. In the alternative, keep the regulations now in place.

In addition, these proposed regulations do not meet minimum federal requirements, and you know that they do not. You were hired to protect the environment, so please do your job and stop wasting taxpayer money by refusing to comply with the law.

Sincerely,



Name:

J. TURNER  
P.O. BOX - 723  
LANGHORNE, PA. 19047

Address:

cc: Michael McCabe,  
EPA Regional Administrator  
841 Chestnut Building  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

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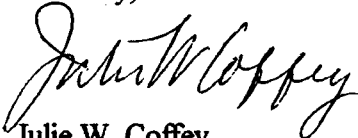
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PO Box 8465  
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Dear Sir:

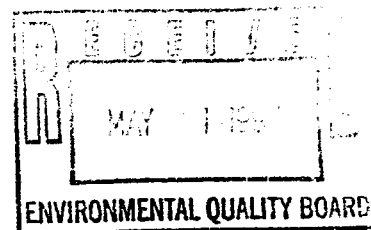
Please adopt standards that protect our waterways from any more degradation. I would like to encourage you to reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal and put into place the simpler, better standards of the EPA.

Hopefully you will reply to my letter, but better yet, safeguard our water and adopt more stringent regulations to protect present and future generations.

Sincerely,



Julie W. Coffey  
174 Culpepper Court  
Malvern, PA 19355



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Lee and Nancy Tabas  
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Haverford, Pennsylvania 19041

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DEPT. OF ENVIR. PROTECTION  
P.O. Box 8465  
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LADIES - GENTLEMEN:

I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A  
NEW PROPOSAL FOR WATER QUALITY BEING  
CONSIDERED. FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND,  
THERE IS CONSIDERATION TO DROPPING  
"HIGH QUALITY" AND "EXCEPTIONAL VALUE"  
AS PROTECTED USES. I STRONGLY ~~OPPOSE~~  
OPPOSE THIS. ALSO, THERE NEEDS TO  
BE A PROVISION TO PROTECT UNASSESSED  
WATER.

THANK YOU

cc: VFTU  
P.O. Box 1356 WERTCHER, PA 19380

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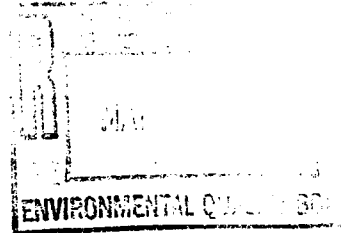
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Harrisburg, Pa 17105

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

I would appreciate a reply stating  
your stand on the issue.



Law M Hoffman  
2138 Elm St  
Allentown, Pa 18104



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Mary Agnes Bushner

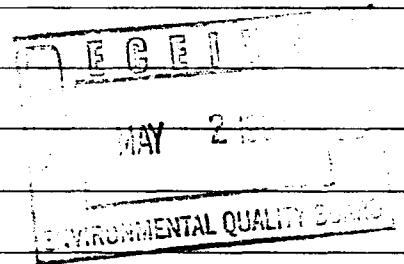
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN -

PLEASE REJECT THE  
DEP'S CURRENT ANTI-DEGRADATION  
PROPOSAL THANK YOU.

RESPECTFULLY,

Mary Agnes Bushner



103 S 25th Street  
Allentown, PA 18104-6205

EQB - P.O. Box 8465 - Harrisburg  
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To whom it may concern:

Do not lower water quality standards.  
Reject the DEP's current anti degradation  
proposal. Please reply.

Thank you

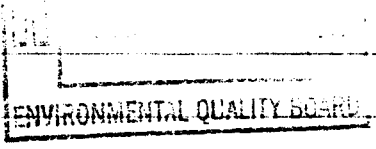
Sincerely

Ms. MATTY NOZAK

821 Hickory Way

Duquesne, PA

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Dear Board:

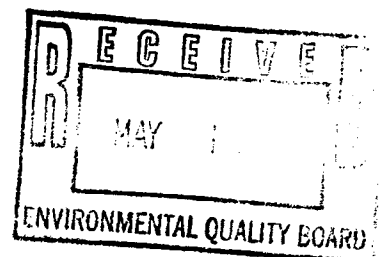
I strongly request that you adopt stronger, better environmental protection regulations. I am a voting citizen who is very concerned about the quality of our water and air. Your job is to protect the environment and, thereby, all citizens.

I am opposed to the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal. Our current regulations must make dumping more difficult, not less. We need to raise water quality standards, not lower them. Please reject current trend to lower the quality of our streams and lives.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Smith (Johnson)





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**New Proposal/Water Quality Rules**

Gentlemen:

Please consider this letter to be my protest against the subject!

I am not at all satisfied with the continued effort on the part of DEP to avoid reasonable protection for Pennsylvania waters. The persons operating as the state's representatives are still applying the dilatory tactics which have twice within memory resulted in litigation which found the DEP at fault and the EPA forced to step in.

And now the new proposal is, for all intents and purposes, worse! Such as:

HQ and EV need to stay as protected water uses, so that our best streams will not be downgraded;

Contrary to Federal regs no weight is given to public lands in the selection process;

Another loophole - allows discharges and degradation in EV waters;

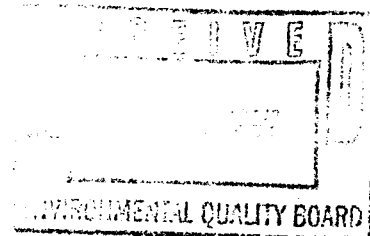
Waters not yet assessed are protected at the lowest level. How long are they expected to last under these conditions..

This proposal is loaded with items which are damaging to the environment. It should not be given any credence in its present form - these regulations should be rejected!

I am asking that my feelings be conveyed to the members of the Board. Thank you

Sincerely,

  
Thomas J. Kelly



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127 Andover Drive  
Exton, PA 19341  
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Harrisburg, PA 17105

RE: New Proposal/Water Quality Rules.

To whom it may concern:

This letter is written to express my disagreement and concerns regarding the above subject.

I am dissatisfied with the DEP efforts to protect our State's water resources. As Commonwealth representatives responsible for the protection of Commonwealth resources I find it difficult to comprehend that the EPA was twice forced to intervene in the DEP affairs.

The new proposal does not offer, in my opinion, any improvements and certainly is not in spirit of the efforts that Pennsylvanians have labored for over the past two decades for protection of the Commonwealth's natural resources.

The designations High Quality (HQ) and Exception Value (EV) must remain as protected water uses so that our best streams will not be downgraded.

Contrary to Federal regulations no weight is given to public lands in the selection process. This is not acceptable.

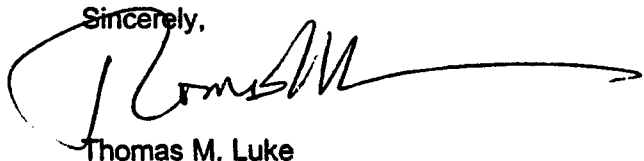
Loopholes that permit discharges and degradation in EV waters must be purged.

The lack of wetlands protection in regards to antidegradation must be addressed.

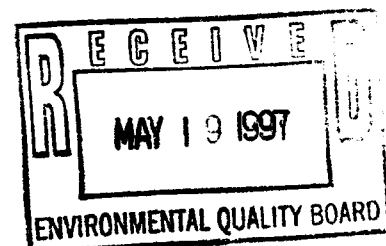
This Department's proposal has failed to represent the environmental interests of the Commonwealth. I submit that the regulations in their current language amount to damaging environmental policy and should be rejected.

I ask that my opinion be conveyed to members of the Board.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Luke



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Reject the DEP's current anti-degradation  
proposal. It will promote water degradation, not  
prevent it.

Sincerely,

Todd Braun

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Department of Environmental Protection  
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Re: Proposed Water Quality Standards

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of our 375 members, I am voicing our objections to D.E.P.'s proposal which will reduce water quality standards in Pennsylvania's waterways below the minimum E.P.A. requirements as specified by the Federal Clean Water Act.

In the 60 years our Association has been involved with fisherpersons, I believe we are qualified to express our opinion that if you polled the one million people who bought a 1997 Pennsylvania fishing license, you would find very few, if any, who want Pennsylvania waterways degraded. The overwhelming majority would want stricter regulation than the Clean Water Act requires now.

What we recommend the Board do:

1 - EXCEPTIONAL VALUE: If it's exceptional - No new discharge! The entire watershed must continue to be considered and included.

2 - HIGH QUALITY: If the water meets either one of the two standards, then protect it as high quality. All streams in Pennsylvania should and could be 'high quality', providing enforcement and education were a high priority.

3 - EXISTING USES: Protect it at the current level; no delays; no loopholes; no degradation!

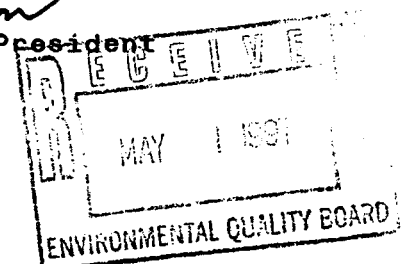
Quite simply, our message is:

**NO MORE DEGRADATION OF PENNSYLVANIA'S  
WATERWAYS!**

Sincerely,

*John Johnson*  
M. John Johnson, President

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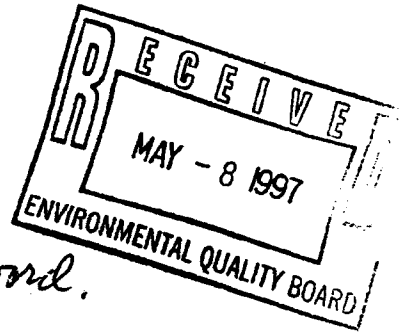


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Dear Sirs:

I am concerned that the State of Pennsylvania has lower Water Quality standards than those of the EPA.

I think at the very least the State should have standards equal to the EPA.

Respectfully Yours,

William J. Styrke

11 Karen Drive  
Malvern, PA 19355

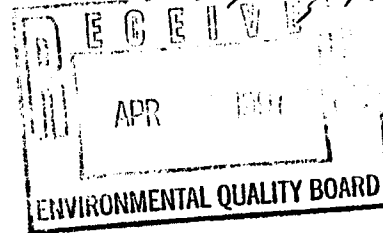
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Please reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal.

*Amy Cline*



*Amy CLINE  
22 Lizbeth Lane  
Berwyn, PA 19312*

Environmental Quality Board, DEP  
PO Box 8465  
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*Jack Cline*



*Jack Cline  
22 Lizbeth Lane  
Berwyn, PA 19312*

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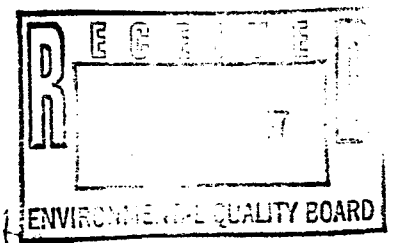
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Please report the current anti degradation  
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Thank you -

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Rt 15232

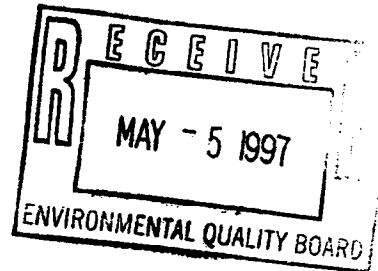


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Dear Sir or Madam,

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I am concerned that the new regulations proposed by your department will have a negative effect on water quality standards in our environment.

I strongly urge you to adopt the standards of the E.P.A. in lieu of the anti-degradation proposal submitted by your Department.

Would you please be so kind as to respond to my concerns?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antoon F. Van Velzen".

Antoon F. Van Velzen

1236 Hamlet Hill Dr

WEST CHESTER - PA 19380

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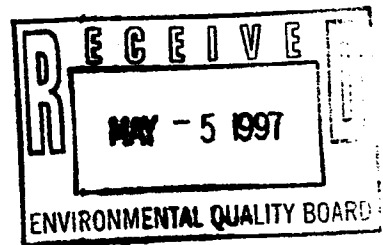
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Reject the DEP's current  
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West Chester, PA 19380

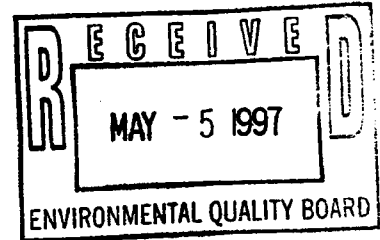


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Brenda Blackburn-Foster  
1240 Longford Road  
West Chester, PA 19380

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Dear Sirs,

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal.

Please adopt the simpler, better standards of the EPA.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Brenda Blackburn-Foster*

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DOUGLAS KEMP  
167 Forsythia Ct.  
Quakertown, PA 18955

Dear EQB:

We reject the DEP's current  
anti-degradation project.

Please reply or further action  
will result.

*Douglas Kemp*

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Dear Sirs:

**No More Degradation!**

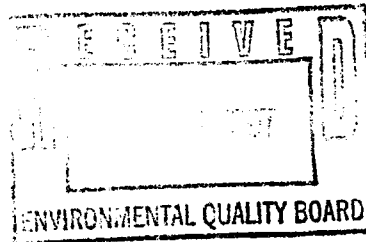
**Please reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal as this would lower water quality standards. Instead adopt the simpler, better standards of the EPA.**

**Help protect our Waterways FOR US - FOR OUR CHILDREN!**

Please respond to:

E. J. Lewis  
P.O. Box 1321  
Malvern, PA 19355

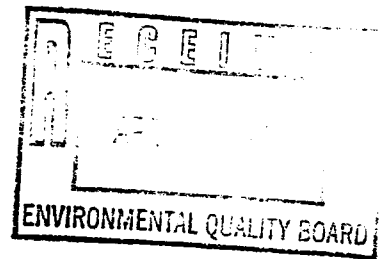
Thank you for your help.



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

(Miss) Evelyn Menier  
1229 MARYLAND AV  
ALLENTOWN, PA 18103



Dear EQB,

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Reject DEP'S  
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proposal!

Very Sincerely  
Marcia Ber...

Dear EQB,

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Reject the DEP'S current  
Anti-degradation Proposal!

Thank  
You  
Devin Taylor

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P.O. Box 37  
Kutztown, PA 19530

Mr. Edward R. Brezina  
Chief, Division of Assessment and Standards  
Bureau of Water Quality Management  
10th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building  
P.O. Box 8465  
400 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8465

re: Proposed antidegradation regulations

Dear Mr. Brezina:

The Friends of the Saucony Marsh oppose the proposed antidegradation regulations. Nearly everything in the package is bad, but there are a few things that I shall mention in particular.

First, the criteria for High Quality and Exceptional Value designations are too stringent. Too many streams would be disqualified from these categories. As the presence of endangered species is eliminated as a qualifier, this would weaken protection for endangered species.

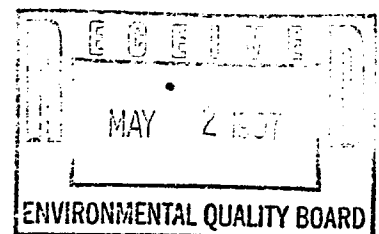
Second, the proposed regulations corrupt the role of uses in stream protection. They call for DEP to designate uses rather than sanction actual present uses, as is currently done. DEP could delay designating the uses of a stream until after degradation had occurred. Worst of all, the regulations would eliminate High Quality and Exceptional Value as uses, thereby removing the redesignation of streams from EPA oversight.

The current regulations imposed on Pennsylvania by EPA properly implement the antidegradation provisions of the federal Clean Water Act. Pennsylvania's own regulations must conform to them. What has been proposed do not, therefore they must be rejected.

Sincerely,

*Phila Back*  
Phila Back  
Chairwoman

cc: Michael McCabe, EPA Regional Administrator



HARRY L. RICHTER, JR.  
1211 Denbigh Lane  
Radnor, PA 19087  
(215) 527-9564

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**Re: New Proposed Water Quality Rules**

Gentlemen:

Please consider this letter to be my protest against Water Quality rule changes currently under consideration.

It is the DEP's responsibility to ensure appropriate balance between commercial, environmental and recreational interests all of whom have legitimate needs that eventually bear on the uses of Pennsylvania's waters. Modification of existing standards will subject protected waters to degradation; there is insufficient protection for waters that are not presently assessed or evaluated, and contrary to Federal regulations, no weight is given to public lands in the selection process for stream designation.

Countrywide, there are hundreds of examples of reasonable compromise in utilization programs where rules are sufficiently clear and appropriately administered to create a level playing field for all interests. That balance cannot be maintained if there is any relaxation of standards. This will only produce more litigation where discussion and compromise is clearly the proper course of action.

The proposal under consideration contains many items which are potentially damaging to the environment and destabilize positions that have been proven to afford protection yet workable areas of agreement. These regulations must be rejected.

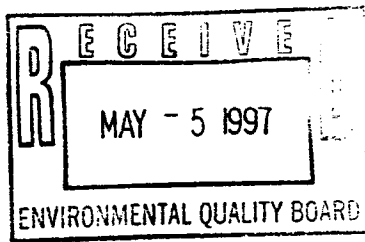
I would appreciate it if this letter is made available to the members of the Board and to others who will participate in the deliberations regarding the proposed rule changes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry L. Richter, Jr.".

HLR:bl





April 29, 1997  
Mr. James A. Lowe  
15 W. Cluchlan Ave  
Downingtown Pa 19335

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Gentlemen

Please consider this letter as my protest against the subject

I am not at all satisfied with the continued effort on the part of D.E.P. to avoid reasonable protection for Penna. waters. The persons operating as the state representatives are still applying the dilatory tactics which time within memory resulted in litigation which found the D.E.P. at fault and the E.P.A. forced to step in.

H.Q. and E.V. need to stay as protected water uses, so that our best streams will not be downgraded.

The Federal regulations give weight to public lands in the selection process and I believe the state regulations should be as good if not better

Your changes would also allow discharges and degradation to E.U. streams. This just won't do if you are going to call a stream E.U. no discharges or degradation should be allowed. E.U. should keep streams as they are or improve them.

There is no integration of wetlands protection with degradation

Wetlands not yet assessed are protected at the lowest levels. If this is allowed to continue they will probably not last very long.

This proposal is loaded with loopholes which are damaging to the environment. It should not be given any credence in its present form, these regulations should be rejected.

I am asking that my feelings be  
conveyed to the members of the Board,  
Thank You.

Yours Truly

James G. Lowe

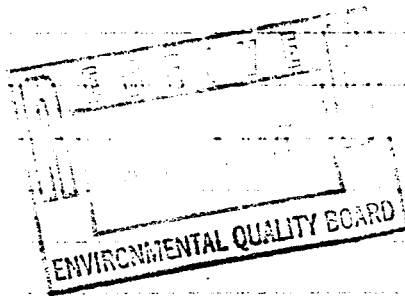
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Wm. John Ziegler  
1312 Weber St.  
Allentown, Pa. 18103

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JOHN A GEORGE  
930 SAINT JAMES ST.  
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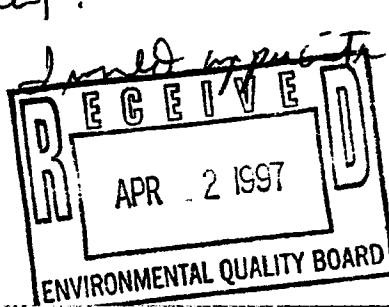
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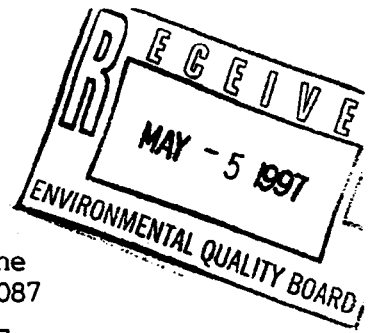
I am writing to ask that you reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal. We need more simple and better standards of the CWA.

We all need to be more concerned and accountable when it comes to our environment. History has proven that if we are not diligent we could destroy our environment.

respect.



Thank you  
John A. George



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Wayne, PA. 19087  
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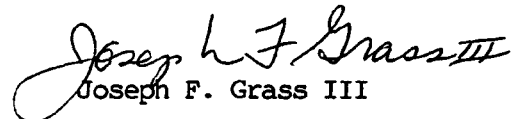
Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that a Federal Judge has ruled that Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection has allowed Pennsylvania's lakes and rivers to grow increasingly polluted, in violation of the Clean Water Act and has ordered that the State's pollution laws be tightened within 30 days.

It is also my understanding that the current proposal to tighten these laws has, in fact, introduced provisions that will actually degrade the quality of water further.

I would like to go on record to oppose any change in the law that permits further degradation of the clean Water Act requirements, and in fact, insist that every effort be made to bring Pennsylvania's laws into compliance with EPA requirements as established by the Clean Water Act. The PA. DEP should cease and desist issuing any permits that do not comply with Federal guidelines under the Clean Water Act.

Very truly yours,

  
Joseph F. Grass III

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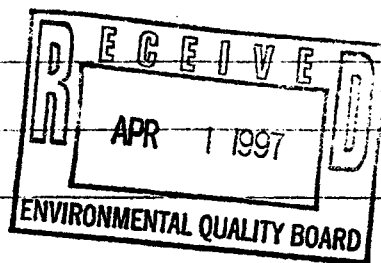
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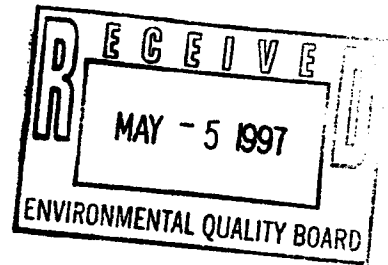
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Karen Batalka  
65 Ivy Court  
Quakertown PA 18951

Sincerely,

Karen H. Batalka



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Karen J. Getz  
306C McKim St.  
Zelienople, PA 16063

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Dept. of Environmental Protection  
P.O. Box 8465  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a concerned resident of Pennsylvania to request that the present water anti-degradation proposal be rejected. I would prefer that the simpler, better standards of the EPA be adopted.

Your response would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Karen J. Getz



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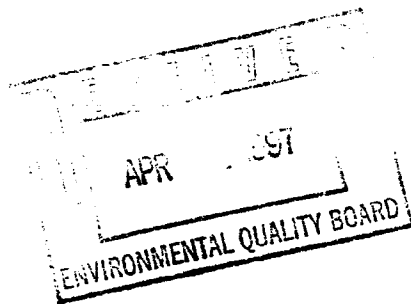
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Environmental Quality Board  
Gentlemen:

I want the EPA to protect our waterways by rejecting the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal, and adopting the better EPA standards.

Please keep me posted as to your actions in this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Marion McClements

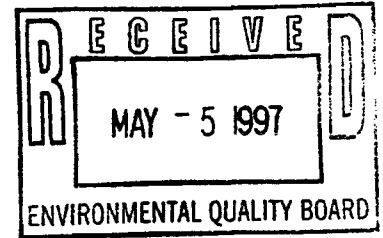


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Mark Foster  
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As a concerned citizen, I urge you to reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal.

Please adopt the simpler, better standards of the EPA.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Foster



# MOUNTAIN LAUREL CHAPTER

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Dear Sir,

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CITY, STATE, ZIP

The Mountain Laurel Chapter of Trout Unlimited would like to comment on PA's proposed antidegradation and water quality standards that have been proposed. Our chapter has commented in the past and has followed the proceedings since its inception.

Our primary concern is that PA's proposed regulations will allow more degradation of PA's water than the EPA promulgated regulations. The current regulations are much more desirable than the proposed regulations.

We believe that under definitions the words surface water should be replaced with watersheds. We also do not support deleting HQ and EV from the list of protected water uses. Removing them also removes EPA oversight which we believe is essential given the political and power considerations within the state that always seem to come into play.

Also we believe that requiring a stream to pass both a chemistry and biology test to qualify as high quality is less restrictive and does not meet federal requirements. A stream should qualify either on the context of chemistry or biology. Under level of protection we believe the word discharges should be replaced with the word activities. There are many things other than discharges that are detrimental to water quality.

We also oppose the minimal impact discharge provision. A discharge cannot maintain and protect water quality if it uses up to 25 % of the assimilative capacity of the water. This must be altered. All applicants who want to degrade water quality must be required to justify the degradation as well as conduct an alternative analysis and use the best technology. The purpose of tier 2 is to give power to the public in making decisions. DEP tries to take this away under the current provision.

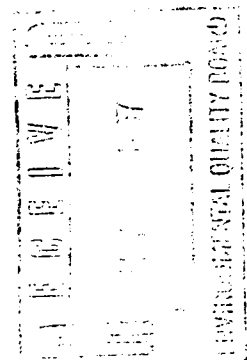
Also there should be no mechanism for local residents or local governments to have a veto power over EV designations. The water in question is always the water of the Commonwealth and not the sole domain of local residents or governing bodies.

The Mountain Laurel Chapter of Trout Unlimited believes there are many weaknesses in the current DEP proposal. We will not stand by and allow an agency charged with the stewardship of the Commonwealth's water to not perform its assigned tasks due to power politics, powerful self interest groups or any other motivation that creates anything less than what is best for the Commonwealth's resources and its residents. We believe these regulations need a complete overhaul with the points outlined altered accordingly. We will be watching.

Thankyou

Len Lichvar

Stream Improvement Chairman  
Mountain Laurel Trout Unlimited  
584 Horner Church Rd.  
Stoystown, PA 15563



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Nicole L. Palgutt  
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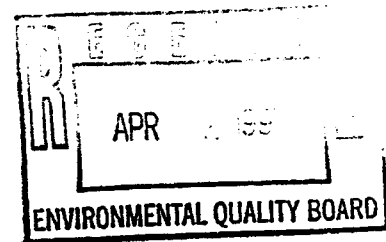
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing as a concerned citizen who has learned that new regulations proposed by the DEP will lower water quality standards. These standards will allow the further degradation of our rivers and streams. Please reject the current anti-degradation proposal and adopt simpler, better standards of the EPA.

Thank You.  
Sincerely,

*Nicole L. Palgutt*  
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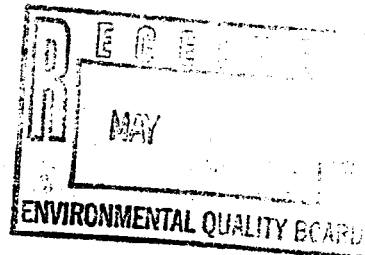
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Harrisburg, Pa. 17101-8477

Dear Mr. Seif:

Having lived my whole life on this exceptional patch of earth's surface I've a vested interest in it's preservation and hoped for improvement. The new water regulations being put forward by the DEP are not going to enhance the protection of our waters. I've a good idea who'll benefit from these new regulations and I know it won't be the population at large. Suffice it to say that if the EQB gives it's stamp of approval to these watered down regulations there will be a suitable uproar which our representatives in Harrisburg will note. The final line of defense against these regulations is the EPA, who I feel certain will disapprove of the proposals, if they fail to do so, you can be sure they'll be in court again.

Respectfully,

*Richard S. Van Aken, Jr.*



**Robert J. Eke**  
& ASSOCIATES

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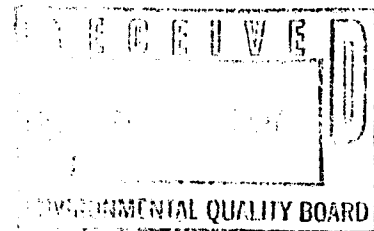
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*Environmental Quality Board:*

*Being concerned with the quality  
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DEP's current anti-degradation  
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*Sincerely,  
Robert J. Eke*

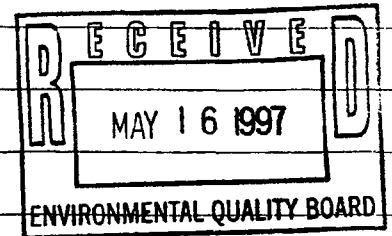


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Senator White  
Main Capitol Bldg  
Harrisburg Pa 17120  
Re: Clean Water Act



Dear Senator White:

The Clean Water Act requires states to protect waterways from degradation. The DEP is proposing new regulations that would lower water quality standards. This is not right. Many people including myself count on you for safe & clean drinking water (among other things) I cannot afford store bought spring water or Polar Water. We need your help to stop this new proposal. We need better standards for our safety. Please keep our waterways clean.

I would like a reply - Thank you  
Sincerely,  
Sandy Schutt  
311 Hazel St  
Yellenoyle Pa 16063

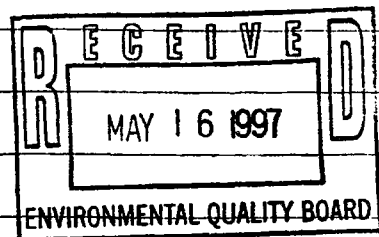


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Re: Clean Water Act



Dear Senator White:

The Clean Water Act requires states to protect waterways from degradation. The DEP is proposing new regulations that would lower water quality standards. This is not right. Many people including myself count on you for safe & clean drinking water (among other things) I cannot afford store bought spring water or Polar Water. We need your help to stop this new proposal. We need better standards for our safety. Please keep our waterways clean.

I would like a reply - Thank you

Sincerely,  
Sandy Schutt  
311 Hazel St  
Yellenoyle Pa 16063

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29 April, 1997

Environmental Quality Board  
DEP  
POB 8465  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: New Proposal / Water Quality Rules

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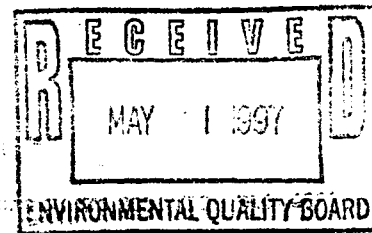
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Yours Truly

Sean P. Colgan

cc: Senator Richard A. Tilghman  
Representative Robert C. Donatucci  
Valley Forge Trout Unlimited

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to urge the Environmental Quality Board to prevent further degradation of Pennsylvania waterways. As a Pennsylvania resident, I am concerned by the apparent lack of concern on the part of the body politic with regard to environmental issues. Further, as one who was raised in rural New England, I know clean water and air, and I know that Western Pennsylvania seriously lacks it. I am writing to urge you to do your part to reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal. Water is a very valuable commodity and an increasingly less renewable one. If the proper action is not taken now, we will all suffer in the future. I would appreciate a response to this correspondence with your input, and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

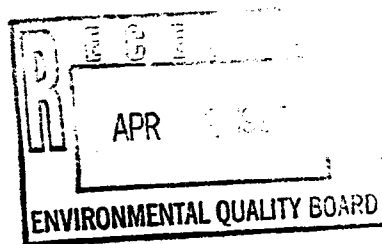


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**Thomas M.D. Keith**  
**PO Box 9161**  
**Pittsburgh PA 15224-9161**

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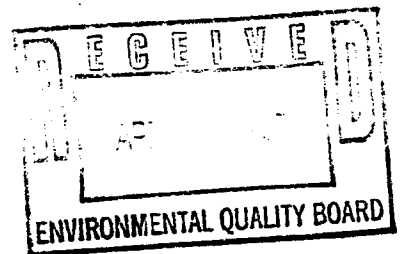


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EQB  
Dear Sirs



I request that you reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal, and stay with the simpler standards of the E.P.A. that better protect our waterways.

Sincerely  
John D. Kuch

158 Orchard Way, Berwyn, PA 19312-1402

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NEP; P.O. Box 8465  
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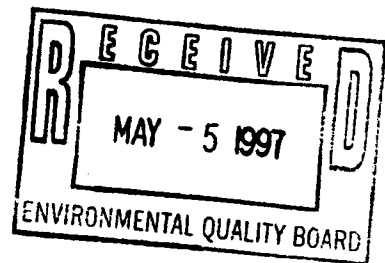
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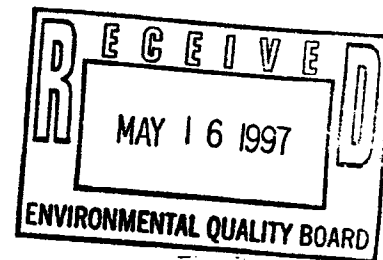
Sincerely,

Barbara A. Moore  
P.O. Box 125  
Harmony - PA 16037



Reply requested.

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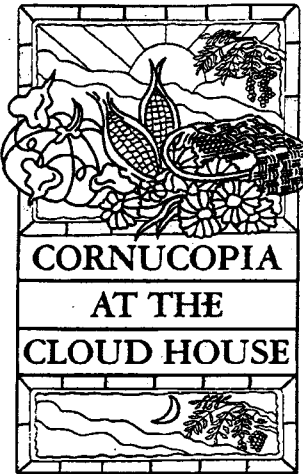
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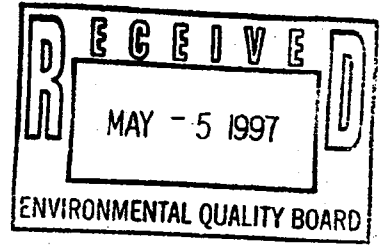
The DEP is proposing new regulations that would lower water quality standards. We need standards that protect our waterways from any more degradation. I ask that you reject the DEP's current proposal.

I would appreciate hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Kelly  
(438 CENTER ST.  
ZELIENOPLE,  
PA. 16063)



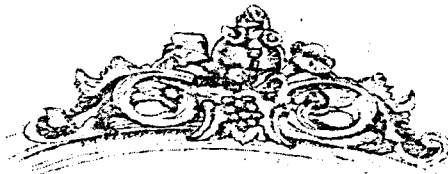
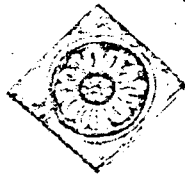
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To Members of The ~~Board~~ Environmental Quality Board,  
I write to you to request that you, the Environmental Quality Board, recommend stronger regulations to protect our rivers, streams and pristine bodies of water. This is not the time to loosen the requirements on preserving our natural resources. Clean water is a must. There is no question, no doubt, not even a need to discuss this issue. How can you say more toxic chemicals, more unsafe runoff can enter our water ways when so much has had to be struggled for, worked toward over the past decades. For what, so ~~for~~ <sup>these</sup> accomplishments can be lost, destroyed once



again?! I beg not. Please do your part to assure that the work that has been started will continue. The regulations need to get tighter, stricter. Our water should be clean, pure, pristine all over the country. All over the globe. It can be done, for our children and generations of life to come. You can help make it happen. Stand up and be a part of the healing of our planet and ourselves. Be a part of the solution! Thank you for all you can do to help keep our regulations tough and our water pure. Please do your best to help this important movement to purify our waters going forward. Please express this sentiment in your request to the DEP.

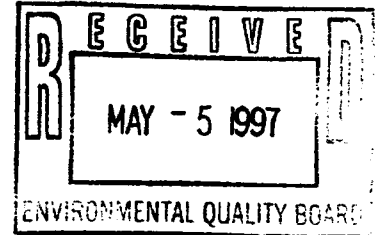
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Candice E. Shaffer



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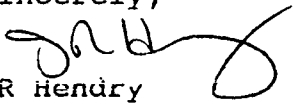
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Environmental Quality Board (EQB)

I am writing to you to request to reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal. Please adopt the simpler, better standards of the EPA. Please send a response to the address below. We are very concerned for the health and well being of our children.

Sincerely,

  
JR Hendry  
1304 Morstein Road  
West Chester, PA 19380

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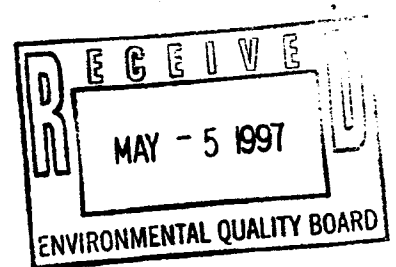
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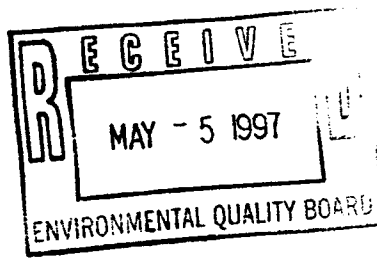
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Thank you

Melba R. Wark  
1407 Concord Ch.

Quakertown, Pa. 18951





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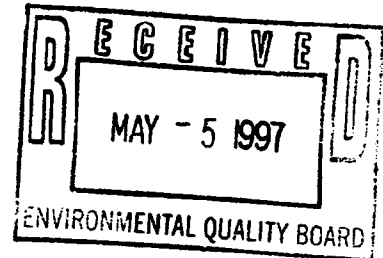
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We need standards to protect  
our waterways from any further  
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the better standards of the EPA!!  
We need to keep our water safe for our  
children and our children's children.

Yours truly,  
Nancy A. Romaregul  
1242 N. Ashbrooke Dr  
West Chester, PA 19380

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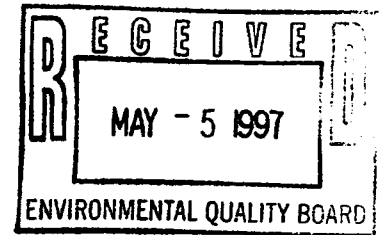
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West Chester, PA 19380

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Environmental Quality Board  
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Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear Sir or Madam:

I understand the DEP has advanced an anti-degradation proposal. Our streams and other waters already are polluted. We would like to see the Delaware Bay improve, not get worse. In all ways this is a bad idea, and I would like to see it fail to take effect.

Please send us a reply so we know you received this letter and took time to read it and consider our views.

Yours truly,

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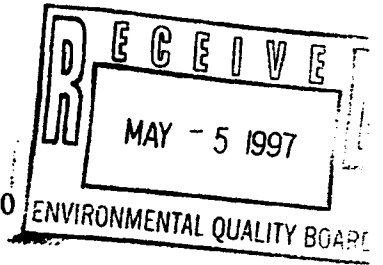
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Arthur G. Harrison

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Harrisburg, PA 17105

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Sincerely,



Robert J. Sheller

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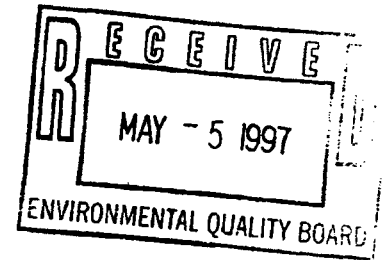
From: Robert Stuart



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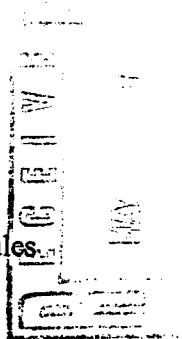
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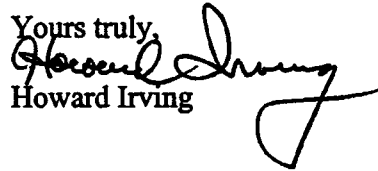
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Yours truly,  
  
Howard Irving

cc: Valley Forge Trout Unlimited

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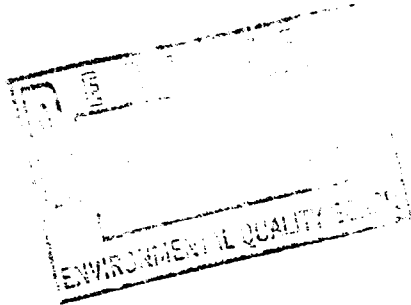
Dear Environmental Quality Board (EQB),

I reject the DEP's new regulations that would lower the water quality standards. Please reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal.

Sincerely,  
Your Local Taxpayer  
& Registered Voter

Lori Bauer-West  
3031 Leisz's Brdg Rd  
Reading, PA 19605

(Your reply would be appreciated)



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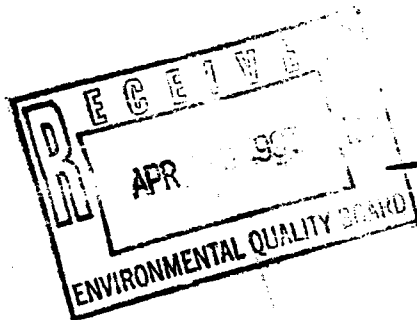
DEAR ENVIRONMENT QUALITY BOARD (EQB),

I REJECT THE DEP'S NEW REGULATIONS THAT WOULD LOWER THE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS. PLEASE REJECT THE DEP'S CURRENT ANTI-DEGRADATION PROPOSAL.

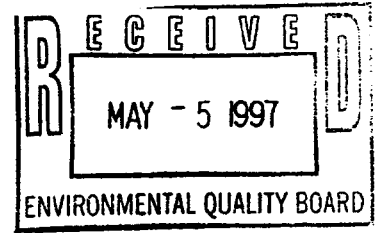
Sincerely,  
Your Local-Taxpayer  
& REGISTERED VOTER

TODD J. WEST  
3031 LEISZ'S BRIDGE ROAD  
READING, PA 19605

YOUR REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED



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Sincerely,

  
Valerie A. Collmann

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Reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal.  
Please respond: Angela Kolar  
25 West Central Ave Apt A  
Paoli, Pa 19301

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**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD  
DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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HARRISBURG, PA 17105**

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**RE: WATER QUALITY RULES PROPOSAL**

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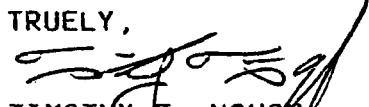
**E.Q. BOARD:**

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY OUTRAGE AT THE NEW PROPOSALS AFFECTING WATER QUALITY RULES. TWICE IN THE RECENT PAST, DEP ATTEMPTED SIMILAR RULES CHANGES THAT RESULTED IN COURT DECISIONS AGAINST DEP FORCING EPA TO STEP IN. AGAIN, DEP IS MOVING CONTRARY TO FEDERAL STANDARDS WITH THIS CURRENT ATTEMPT TO DOWN GRADE OUR WATERS. PASSAGE OF THIS PROPOSAL WILL SURELY LEAD TO MORE LITIGATION AND FURTHER FEDERAL ACTION AGAINST DEP.

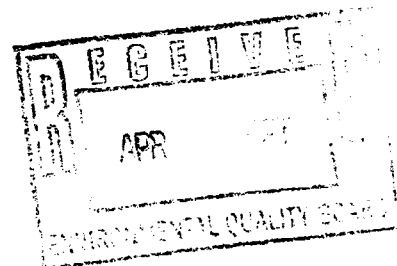
A REPRESENTATIVE OF US FISH & WILDLIFE HAS SAID THAT "DEP HAS PICKED ALL THE WORST POSITIONS" WITH THIS NEW PROPOSAL. THIS PROPOSAL IS CONTRARY TO FEDERAL STANDARDS IN NO FEWER THAN SIX INSTANCES, INCLUDING THE DISREGARD OF WATERS ON PUBLIC LANDS IN THE " SELECTION CRITERIA". THIS WOULD ALLOW PRIVATE INTERESTS TO SUPERCEDE THE PUBLIC TRUST THAT DEP IS SUPPOSED TO PROTECT.

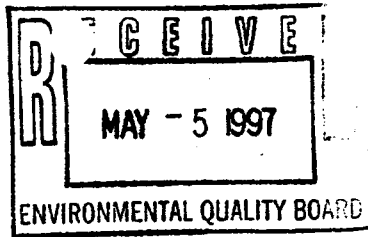
IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT DEP IS UNABLE TO FULFILL IT'S RAISON D'ETRE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. RATHER THAN THIS SORT OF KOWTOWING TO PRIVATE INTERESTS, DEP SHOULD FOLLOW WHAT THEIR BOSS, GOVENOR RIDGE, HAS SAID REGARDING OUR STATE'S ENVIRONMENT, "PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE A GOOD STEWARD AND PRACTICE SOUND CONSERVATION. PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES PRESERVES OUR LANDS AND WATERS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND OUR FUTURE."

TRUELY,



**TIMOTHY F. HOUGH  
348 SPRING LANE  
KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406**





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Andrew Schaum  
636 S. Birmingham Rd.  
West Chester, PA 19382  
(610) 430-0907

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

Re: New Proposal/Water Quality Rules

Dear Board Members:

I wanted to express my concern and continued frustration over DEP's failure to adequately protect Pennsylvania's waters. It is my understanding that the EPA has twice been forced to intervene to force DEP to do what it is legally required to do. This is ridiculous and should be unnecessary. As a taxpayer and an attorney in this Commonwealth, I am offended. Why does it take the federal government to force DEP to do its job?

I am an active member of Trout Unlimited and have been informed that the new proposal could actually lead to less protection of our valuable resources, including our best streams.

This should not be tolerated. Please accept this letter as my request that the regulations be rejected.

Sincerely,

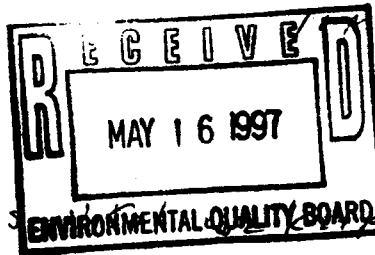
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Andrew Schaum

cc: VFTU

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Dear Sirs

It is our desire to keep our water-

ways as pristine as possible

Please reject the DEP Anti-Degradation proposal.

Think of our children's future

Sincerely

Barbara M. M. M.

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To Environmental Quality

Please reject the NCE  
current Anti-degradation proposal.

We have turbid water  
here in Harmony.

Please send me a  
reply

Thank you  
Chas. J. Jickel

444 German St  
Harmony Pa 16037

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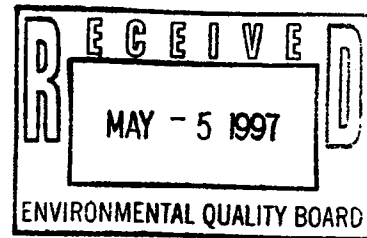
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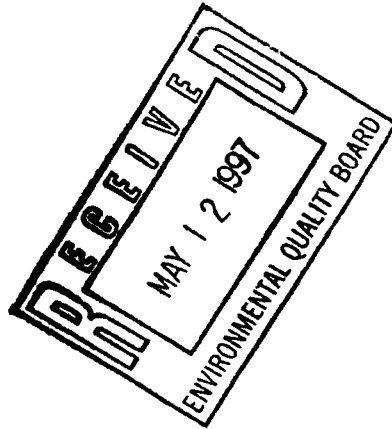
Respectfully,

Charlotte Kussman  
Day Care Provider  
and Grandmother of 7



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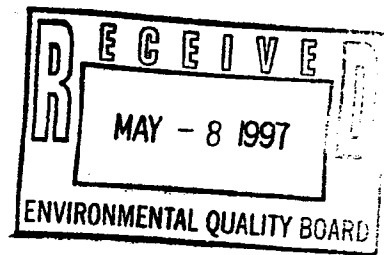
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Best regards  
Sheryl Bliss

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Dear Sir/Madam:

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I am writing about the proposed regulation by DEP that would lower water quality standards in Pennsylvania. You must reject this anti-degradation proposal.

Please reply to the address below if your actions

Thank you,

Christine M. Rapp  
308 South Quince Street  
First Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19107



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Environmental Quality Board

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Mr. Robert E. Nyce, Executive Director  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
14th Floor, Harristown #2  
333 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Proposed Rulemaking - Water Quality Amendments - Antidegradation (#7-310)

Dear Mr. Nyce:

The Environmental Quality Board has received comments regarding the above referenced proposed rulemaking from the following:

1. Mrs. Christine Puk
2. Kathryn Reinert
3. Kathryn J. Rohrbach
4. Cynthia S. Watson
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10. Evelyn J.M. Richter
11. Donald P. Cancelmo
12. Gerta Harriton
13. Richard Phillips Georg
14. David E. Benner
15. Marion M. Kyde

These comments are enclosed for your review. Copies have also been forwarded to the Senate and House Environmental Resources and Energy Committees. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sharon K. Freeman  
Regulatory Coordinator

Enclosure

Elissa M. Ward  
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Pittsburgh, PA 15217

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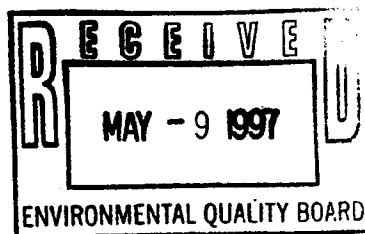
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Dear Administrator:

I am writing you to ask you to reject the current DEP proposal for anti-degradation and rather adopt the simpler, better standards of the EPA.

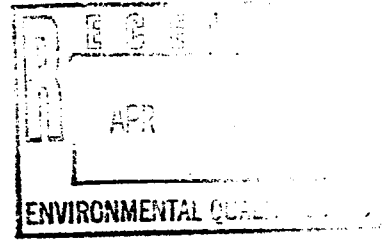
I would also like to ask for a reply to this letter. Thank you.

Sincerely  
Elissa Ward  
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To: EQB  
From: Jane Swartley  
213 Tohickon Ave., 2nd floor  
Quakertown, PA 18951



*Kindly reject the DEP's current anti-degradation proposal. Please send a reply to the above address.*

*Thank you.*

#31 Red Fox Rd  
Wayne, PA 19087  
April 17, 1997

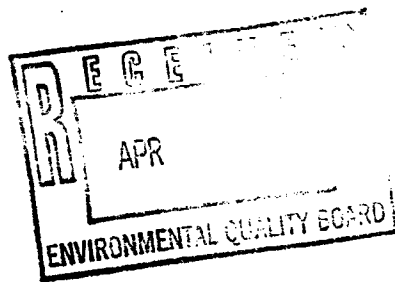
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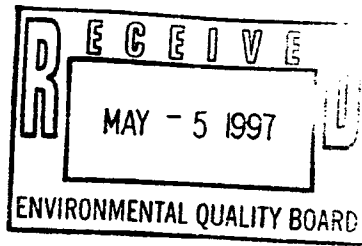
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Dear E. P. B.,

Please reject the R.E.P.'s  
Current anti-degradation  
Proposal and tell them  
to adopt simpler, better  
standards of the E.P.A.

Please reply and thank  
you. J. Evans





434 No. St Elmo St  
Allentown Pa. 18104  
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Dear Members EQB -

I am asking you to reject the  
DEP's current antidegradation proposal.

Keep the clean water standards as  
they are or make them more strict -

Please send a reply.

Joanne Arnold



May 4, 1997

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

Send reply to  
Joseph P. Haezel, Sr.  
930 N. St. Louis St  
Allentown, Pa. 18104

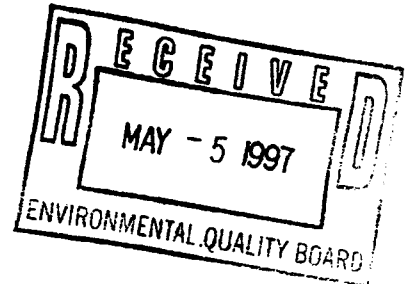
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Joseph R. Petrella, Jr.  
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**New Proposal/Water Quality Rules**

Gentleman:

Please consider this letter to be my protest against the subject!

I am not at all satisfied with the continued effort on the part of DEP to avoid reasonable protection for Pennsylvania Waters. The persons operating as the state's representatives are still applying the dilatory tactics which have twice within memory resulted in litigation which found the DEP at fault and the EPA forced to step in.

And now the new proposal is, for all intents and purposes, worse! Such as:

- HQ and EV need to stay as protected water uses, so that our best streams will not be downgraded;
- Contrary to Federal regs no weight is given to public lands in the selection process;
- Another loophole — allows discharges and degradation in EV waters;
- There is no integration of wetlands protection with anti-degradation;
- Waters not yet assessed are protected at the lowest level. How long are they expected to last under these conditions.

This proposal is loaded with items which are damaging to the environment. It should not be given any credence in its present form — these regulations should be rejected!

I am asking that my feelings be conveyed to the members of the Board. Thank you.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph R. Petrella, Jr.".

Joseph R. Petrella, Jr.

5-1-97

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To Whom It may Concern; (EQB)

As a concerned citizen I urge you to reject the  
DEP's current anti-degradation proposal.

We need stronger protection for our waterways  
not weaker. This is a very important issue to  
me. Please send a reply.

Sincerely,  
Kathie Loren-Knorr

KATHIE LOREN-KNORR  
555 OAKLYN CT. # 2-A  
Pgh. PA 15220

