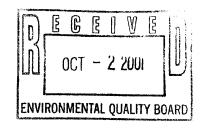
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September 18, 2001

## To Whom It May Concern:

Please strengthen Pennsylvanian's rules about our right to know about the quality of our drinking water.

- Require utilities to notify the media within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards.
- Require utilities to use multiple methods to inform us when our water is unsafe.
- Require that Consumer Confidence Reports be sent to all consumers, not just bill-paying customers.

Sincerely,

Kathleen & Brian Shelmerdine

221 Crystal Court Blue Bell, PA 19422



12 September 2001 1209 Lorraine Road Reading, PA, 19604

Dezr Sirs:

Please strengthen our laws to require utilities to notify the public within 24 hours, by multiple methods, when water couality violates state Standards.

Also require that polluters be named when they are identified,

Yours truly, Elie X Jam Charles H. Jones





Attn: Rep Art Hershey:

I am sure that you are aware of the fact that our water supply is a very important part of our survival. It has been brought to my attention that there are a couple of concerns that I believe that you need to hear once again.

- 1. Require Utilities to notify media within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards.
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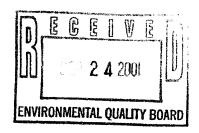
I am sure that you value the water that you drink and I believe that these are not unreasonable issues that need to be addressed. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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Brendan M. Cooper 662 West Johnson Street Philadelphia, PA 19144 H) 215-951-9211 W) 215-898-9314 cgcooper@sas.upenn.edu

September 18, 2001

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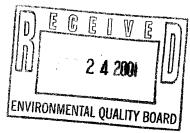
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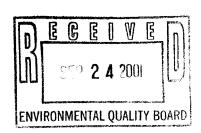
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Charles Cooper

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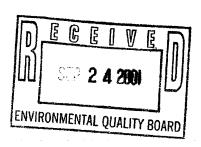
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Sept 18, 2001 Environmental Quality Board PO Box 8477 Harrisburg PA 17105-8477



Dear board Members

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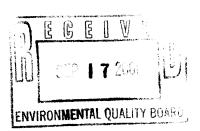
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Carolyn Shields 1088 Greentree Rd Blue Bell PA 19422

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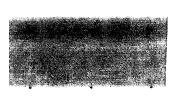
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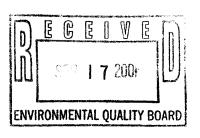


1210 Lossaine Road ORIGINAL: 2214 Gerding, Pa. 19604 September 12,2001 Dear Sir, Ilease take the proper steps to insure that Denneylvanians have peoper clean water. Require utilities to notify the media (newspapers, T.V., sades) anytime within 24 his that there standard arenot met. also, provide in with the names of the companies who are orining pollution to and Eleane vote for harsher laws, days ensure clean water for our generation

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The Saunders Family 983 Netherwood Drive Blue Bell, PA 19422 (610) 279-6978



September 10, 2001

Environmental Quality Board P. O. Box 8422 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

Dear Environmental Quality Board:

I am writing in hope that you will strengthen Pennsylvania's rules about our right to know about the quality of our drinking water.

Specifically, you should:

- Require utilities to notify the media within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards.
- Require utilities to use multiple methods to inform us when our water is unsafe.
- Require that Consumer Confidence Reports list specific polluters by name when data is available.

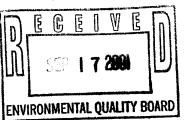
Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Timothy J. Saunders

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Environmental Quality Board P.O. Box 8477 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477 Sheila Trimble 1725 Arch Street Rd. Blue Bell, Pt 19422 September 10, 2001



Dear Board,

Please may I write to you to ask you to please Strengthen Pennsylvania's rules about our right as citizens of P.A. to know about the quality of our drinking water.

This would include requiring utilities to notify the media within 24 hours anytime our water violates state standards. Italities would also be required to use many various methods to inform us when our water is unsafe.

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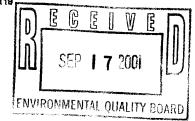
> Sincerely, Sheila M Trimble

128 West Nippon Street Philadelphia PA 19119

September 10, 2001

Environmental Quality Board PO Box 8477 Hamisburg PA 17105-8477

To Whom it May Concern:



## **Subject: Drinking Water**

I am very concerned about Pennsylvania's rules about our right to know about the quality of our drinking water.

I believe you should support:

- The requirement of utilities to notify the media within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards.
- 2. Require utilities to use multiple methods to inform us when our water is unsafe.
- 3. Require that Consumer Confidence Reports list specific polluters by name when data is available.

This is important information that people have the right to know.

Thank you,

Lisa J. Basil



September 10, 2001

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

## Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing this letter to voice my concern about the protection of our water quality and the right of the public to be notified about matters that affect that quality.

I am asking that you strengthen Pennsylvania's rules about the public's right to know about the quality of our drinking water and the use of pesticides and chemicals on or near our schools and public areas.

Specifically I am asking you to support measures such as:

- Requiring utilities to notify the media within 24 hours any time our water quality level violates state standards
- Requiring utilities to use multiple methods to inform us when our water is unsafe.
- \* Requiring Consumer Confidence Reports list specific polluters by name when data is available.
- \* Requiring public disclosure any time pesticides or chemicals are used in or around schools.

I appreciate your support of these measures.

Howard C. Gilpin, Jr.

1210 Shepard Drive Blue Bell, PA 19422 ORIGINAL: 2214

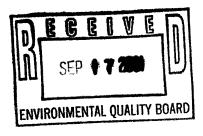
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Dear Sir,

Please strengthen Pennsylvania's rules on the quality of our drinking water. Please do the following: Require utilities to notify the media within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards; require utilities to use multiple methods to inform us when our water is unsafe; require that Consumer Confidence Reports list specific pollutes by name when data is available.

Sincerely,

Laye In. Rohn





Brian Trimble 1725 Arch Street Rd. Blue Bell, PA 19422 September 10, 2001

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

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Sincerely Brain Trimble



September 10, 2001

Andy and Erinn Otten 103 W. Nippon St. Philadelphia, PA 19119

Environmental Quality Board PO Box 8477 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

To whom it may concern:

Please strengthen Pennsylvania's rules about our right to know about the quality of our drinking water by taking the following measures:

- Require utilities to notify the media within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards.
- Require utilities to use multiple methods to inform us when our water is unsafe.
- Require that Consumer Confidence Reports list health effects for all contaminants detected in our water.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Erinn Otten

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September 10, 2001

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Andy Otten





p.o. box 8477 harrisburg, pa. 17105-8477 (717)787-4526

October 23, 2001

Original: 2214

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

Re: Proposed Rulemaking – Safe Drinking Water (#7-368)

Dear Mr. Nyce:

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

1.	Roger & Roberta Suddleson	13.	Mayland C. Reilly, M.Ed, MS
2.	Dan & Bernadette Ahearn	14.	Gail Kelly (no address)
3.	Natalie Keller (no address)	15.	Anel M. Abreu, MS, CSA
4.	Resident	16.	Tara Milligan
5.	Brian Reisman	17.	C. Lane
6.	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gillispie	18.	Christina Phelps
7.	Marybeth Spaverta	19.	Merrilee Stevenson
8.	Denis Spaverta	20.	Karen Laughlin
9.	Jennifer Gaudioso	21.	Lois Duncan
10.	Dave Wetzel	22.	Mr. & Mrs. Leo G. Morgan
11.	Thomas E. Shannon	23.	Maranna Meehan
12.	The Muscella Family	24.	Barbara Brostowicz

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 F. Trostle

Regulatory Coordinator

Enclosure



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

Dear Board Members, We support the strengthening of Pennsylvania's rules about our right to know about the quality of our drinking water.

We would like the utilities to be required to notify the medica within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards and use multiple methods to inform us when our water is unsafe.

Reports list health effects for all contaminants detected in our water.

Roger & Roberta Suddleson 1717 Green Valley Rd Havertown, PA 14083

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Ahearn, Dan & Bernadette 1739 Ridgeway Road Havertown, PA 19083

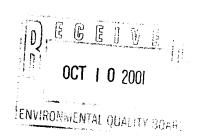
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Require utilities to notify the media within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards and use multiple methods to inform us when our water is unsafe.

Require that Consumer Confidence Reports list health effects for all contaminants detected in our water.

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ENVIROMENTAL QUALITY BOARD PO BOX 8477 HARRISBURG, PA 17105-8477

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you concerning our drinking water. I feel that the utilities departments should notify the public within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards. They should use many ways to contact the public, radio, television or newspaper. I also feel that Consumer Confidence Reports provide information for all health effects for contaminants in our water. I appreciate your time in reading this info as I hope you appreciate my concern.

Thank you,

Natalie Keller

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Environmental Quality Board PO Box 8477 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

To Whom It May Concern:

As a citizen concerned with the quality of our drinking water, I urge you to require utilities to notify media within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards and use multiple methods to inform us when our water is unsafe.

I also urge you to require that Consumer Confidence Reports list health effects for all contaminants detected in our water.

Thank you.

Brian Reisman 310 Wellesley Road Philadelphia, PA 19119

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To: Environmental Quality Board PO BOX 8477 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

Please strengthen the public's right to know involving the quality of our drinking water. I would like to suggest the following:

- The constant monitoring of our drinking water by companies who are permitted to "dump" into our sources of drinking water and to notify the public through the media when the quality of that water does not meet the state standards
- 2) Notification to the public (customers) by way of an overview of the Consumer Confidence Report to notify the public of their findings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave Wetzel

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## Thomas E. Shannon 113 East Marthart Ave Havertown, PA 19083

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To Whom It May Concern:

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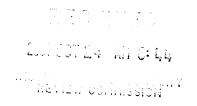
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Reports concerning the status of drinking water should be sent to all consumers, not just bill paying customers.

Singerely,

Thomas E. Shannon

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Environmental Quality Board Harrisburg ,PA.

I am writing to you on behalf of the many people who want to be healthy. We all need pure water to drink, cook with, and bath in. So often we hear about chemical and or toxic waste getting into our water supply. This should not be tolerated.

The only way that people can remain safe is with the help of people who can make a difference, YOU. Please take a second look at the rules and regulations concerning your water and mine.

Our family is asking that you the state strenghten Pennsylvania's rules about our rights to the quality of our drinking water!

- Require utilities to notify the media within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards and use multable methods to inform us when our watyer is unsafe.

- Require that Consumer Confidence Reports list health effects fo0r all contaminents detected in our water.

Thank you,

The Muscella Family 210 E. Marthart Avenue Havertown, PA 19083

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570 Fairthorne Ave Philadelphia, PA 19128-2413 Mayland@dca.net

October 3, 2001

Environmental Quality Board PO Box 8477 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

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I would like to that you strengthen Pennsylvania's rules about our right to know about the quality of our drinking water. I feel that this would best happen through the following tactics:

- 1. Require utilities to notify the media within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards
- 2. Require utilities to use multiple methods to inform us when our water is unsafe.
- 3. Require that Consumer Confidence Reports list health effects for all contaminants detected in our water.

I am sure you agree that in these times companies need to be held accountable for their impact on our environment and the community.

Sincerely yours,

Mayland C. Reilly, M.Ed, MS

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205 Pembroke Road Havertown, PA 19083

October 1, 2001

Environmental Quality Board PO Box 8477 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

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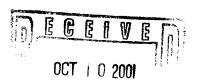
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Jara Milian 210 Gun Arbor Rd Haverfown, PA



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Hank Jon. Aristina Phelps 301 Green view Cu. Havertony PA 19083 October 3, 2001

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

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like you to strengthen Pennsylvania's rules about our right to know about the quality of our drinking water in the following two ways:

- 1. Require utilities to notify the media within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards and use multiple methods to inform us when our water is unsafe.
- 2. Require that Consumer Confidence Reports list specific polluters by name when data is available.

I trust that you will consider these recommendations thoughtfully, and I look forward to your action on the matter.

Respectfully,

Merrilee Stevenson 10 Ralston Ave.

Havertown, PA 19083

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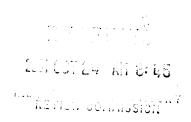
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I am writing to express my concern about our drinking nater in Pennsylvana. I agree strongly with the proposition that the media should be notified within 24 hours any time be notified within 24 hours any time our dinking noter does ust conform to state standards, and that multiple methods of notification should be used, A150, the Consumer Confidence

Reports should list health effects for all contaminants in our water.

Very truly yours, Maranna Meehan 221 Katringse Rd Havertown PA 19083

921 Ayrdale Place Philadelphia, Pa 19128



Environmental Quality Board PO Box 8477 Harrisburg PA 17105

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing about my concern for clean water. I'd like to urge you to support the following legislation:

Require utilities to notify the media within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards and use multiple methods to inform us when our water is unsafe.

Require that Consumer Confidence Reports be sent to all consumers, not just bill-paying customers.

Thank you for helping keep our water clean and keeping the public notified about clean water.

Sincerely,

Rarbara Brostowicz

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November 6, 2001

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

Re: Proposed Rulemaking – Safe Drinking Water (#7-368)

Dear Mr. Nyce:

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

- 1. Robert E. John, Manager, Bear Valley Franklin County Pennsylvania Joint Authority
- 2. Kenneth R. Brown, Authority Manager, Stroudsburg Municipal Authority
- 3. Aurel M. Arndt, General Manager, Lehigh County Authority

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 F. Trostle Regulatory Coordinator

Enclosures

John H. Shadle, Jr., Chairman

Robert E. John, Manager

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

RE: Proposed Regulation – Chapter 109

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to comment on the new Consumer Confidence Report requirements as outlined in the above-referenced rulemaking package.

I strongly oppose any requirement to include any information in the report in any language other than English, no matter what the percentage of non-English speaking residents.

I feel it is time that we abandon the politically correct path of coddling the non-English specking element within our population and require that they learn to speak, read and write in the language of the majority in this country. It is time our schools quit teaching in multi-lingual environments and require that English be learned as quickly as possible once a child enters the educational system. It is time our governmental agencies quit printing forms and documents in a multitude of languages and return to English only. It is time that our law enforcement and health care agencies get rid of the interpreters and require English to be spoken in order to obtain their services.

It has been reported that in school systems where American Spanish-speaking children are taught in Spanish the whole way through their educational experience, these children graduate from high school reading at a fourth grade level. This is doing them no justice and we, as taxpayers, certainly aren't getting what we pay for.

It has also been suggested that less than 10% of the customer base actually reads or makes use of the data contained in the CCR. As a medium-sized water system, I find it hard to justify the enormous expenditure in time, printing and postage to distribute a report that is totally worthless to 90% of the people we send it to. It would make much more sense to print a limited number of these things, notify the public through local media that they are available and only give them to customers who request them. I have not fully researched it, but it may be cheaper for us to develop a web site and put the CCR on there than to send them out, as we do now.

Please reconsider this multilingual requirement and register my strong opposition to it.

Sincerely.

Robert E. John

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RE: Consumer Confidence Report(CCR)

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

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the Stroudsburg Municipal Authority and other members of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authority Association, I urge you carefully consider some of the changes to the CCR requirements being proposed at this time. The Stroudsburg Municipal Authority and other community water suppliers believe that the current EPA regulations are more then sufficient and that the Department should adopt the current federal regulations.

The Stroudsburg Municipal Authority <u>does not</u> believe there should be more stringent regulations for the distribution of the CCR's or for greater requirements relative to non-english speaking residents. In fact, the Authority would urge the Board to eliminate the 10% population criteria (non-english speaking issue), since EPA itself admits this has been a financial hardship on small systems.

The Board should to consider the following issues:

- 1) Sources of water supply, particularly their location, should be deleted from the CCR requirements (security issue in light of 9/11/01).
- 2) Support recent changes to the Federal Public Notification Rule adopted by EPA (three-tier).
- 3) Provisions regarding the multi-lingual notification should match those established for the CCR to simplify administration.

Lastly, understand that the Stroudsburg Municipal Authority and other water suppliers make a great effort to publish and distribute the CCR's to its customers. The Authority believes the current EPA regulations are sufficient and hopes the Board agrees.

I have enclosed three (3) copies of the Stroudsburg Municipal Authority's latest CCR, distributed by mail, hand and public notice (newspaper) to the Authority's' customers in 2001.

Please call, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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October 30, 2001

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

RE: Comments of the Water Utility Council of the American Water Works Association to the Proposed Regulation – Chapter 109 (Relating to Safe Drinking Water

Dear Board Members:

Lehigh County Authority provides public drinking water service to approximately 12,000 customers throughout Lehigh County. As a public water system, we are familiar with the current regulations regarding Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR), public notification and the lead and copper rule.

Generally, we are supportive of the changes included within the proposed regulation. In particular, we believe the change to the lead and copper rule which allows water systems that have low lead and copper levels to immediately move to reduced three-year monitoring, thereby bypassing annual testing, is a positive step which does not compromise drinking water safety, yet allows water suppliers to save an estimated \$128,000 annually. Further, we recognize that many of these regulatory changes reflect recently adopted Federal regulations that Pennsylvania must enact in order to maintain primacy under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). We strongly support Pennsylvania primacy for the SDWA. However, consistent with our position on other SDWA regulations, we believe that these regulations should be no more stringent than the provisions of the Federal rules.

We have several comments on other matters within the regulation as follows:

## Consumer Confidence Report

#### General

We strongly support the requirement that community water systems prepare and provide an annual CCR to customers, allowing them to make informed public health decisions concerning the water they are provided.

## Multi-Lingual Information

In the proposed rulemaking, the Department requests comments on a threshold which would trigger the provision of multi-lingual information. The proposed rulemaking cites Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidance that suggests a threshold of the lesser of 10% of the population or 1,000 people. We have several suggestions in that regard. First, we believe the percentage of the population criteria should be dropped. The 10% (or any

alternative percentage) requirement will be particularly onerous for small systems where the 10% threshold could trigger the multi-lingual requirement for non-English speaking populations of 100 persons or less. Every recent SDWA regulation promulgated by EPA has documented that the impact of regulations is felt disproportionately by small systems who have the fewest resources, financial and otherwise, available to comply with such requirements.

Second, owing to the difficulty of determining the number of non-English speaking residents, we also believe that the number of persons threshold should be increased from 1,000 to 2,500 persons. While census data provides information regarding the ethnic background of our population, it does not document which portion of that population is non-English speaking. Thus we are left estimating what portion, if any, of a particular ethnic group is non-English speaking. At best, this is a gross approximation.

Third, we believe that the information required to be included in a multi-lingual form in the CCR should be limited to the notice of importance of the report and a contact, telephone number and address residents may obtain for additional assistance in obtaining a multi-lingual copy.

Finally, consistent with our comment below regarding the use of technology, software is currently available for use with websites which allows translation of English versions to a multi-lingual format. Such translation programs are available on the Internet and could be accessed along with the CCR report on the Worldwide Web, if the use of computer technology, as we propose below, is pursued.

# Availability of Certain Information

Similar to the recent action by DEP in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks which deleted locational information on Pennsylvania water supplies from the DEP website, we believe that any requirement to identify sources of supply and other system facilities, and particularly their locations and vulnerabilities, should be deleted from CCR requirements in order to better maintain and improve system security.

#### **Technology**

As technology continues to evolve, we believe that computer-based media should be considered an acceptable means for distribution of both CCR and public notification information other than Tier 1 and Tier 2 notifications. We believe considerable cost could be saved, making funding available for other safe drinking water needs. We propose that community water systems be allowed to include a notice of the availability of the CCR report in billing inserts and advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation and posting the CCR on a website as an alternative to mailing CCRs to all customers. The notification would include not only a notice of the availability of the CCR but the system's Web address, phone number and also the Web addresses of DEP, the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission and EPA for additional information about CCRs and drinking water programs.

To an increasing degree, Pennsylvania residents have access to computers and the Web at home, work, school and public libraries in their neighborhoods. For those who don't, written notification would allow other means of access, including mailing of such reports to those who make such requests.

# **Public Notification**

#### General

We strongly support the recent changes to the Federal Public Notification Rule adopted by EPA, particularly establishing three tiers for public notification timing based upon the significance of the matter which gives rise to the need for a notice.

# Multi-Lingual Information

We believe that provisions regarding the multi-lingual notification should match those established for the CCR to simplify administration. Consequently, our comments above regarding multi-lingual information also apply to public notification.

#### **Consultation Process**

We also support the inclusion of a consultation process with the Department rather than a list of more prescriptive state requirements. However, in order to make this process workable, we believe that the section regarding consultation shall specify that any additional notice requirements established pursuant to the consultation shall meet one of two criteria: 1) make the public notice process more effective than the measures specified in the regulation; or 2) make the process more efficient, while maintaining the same effectiveness, than the specified requirements. Further, we believe that, consistent with the spirit of consultation and cooperation, any additional requirements should be subject to the agreement of both the Department and the public water supply system. We believe these provisions will better assure that supplemental requirements will, in fact, provide additional benefit and avoid utilizing increasingly more scarce resources.

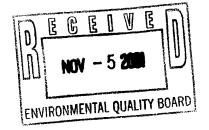
We thank the Board for this opportunity to comment on the proposed regulations and would be pleased to answer any questions or provide further information related to our comments or other matters that may arise as this regulatory process is pursued.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Quality Board PO Box 8477 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477 September 10, 2001

# Dear Sir or Madame,

Please strengthen Pennsylvania's rules about our right to know about the quality of our drinking water.

- 1. Require utilities to notify the media within 24 hours any time our water violates state standards.
- 2. Require utilities to use multiple methods to inform us when our water is unsafe.
- 3. Require that Consumer Confidence Reports list specific polluters by name when data is available.

Sincerely,
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