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Dear Board Members:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA Region III) has reviewed the September 22, 2007 *Proposed Rulemaking* regarding amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Regulations found at Chapter 109 to strengthen the public notification requirements. EPA is pleased to see the approach taken to align planning and emergency preparedness efforts with the situations needing public notification.

We reviewed this proposed rulemaking to ensure that the Department of Environmental Protection's primary enforcement responsibility for the Public Notification Rule would not be jeopardized. We find the proposed rules to be consistent with the Federal requirements; and where these rules are more stringent, we applaud the Department and the Board for the innovative approaches taken. We recognize and support the need for prompt and creative ways to reach the public in this every changing technological era.

EPA Region III would like to work with Department staff on the development of the guidance for issuing public notices. Comments on the September 27, 2007 pre-draft version will be provided separately.

If you have any questions, please contact Patti Kay Wisniewski at 215-814-5668 or [wisniewski.patti-kay@epa.gov](mailto:wisniewski.patti-kay@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Rogers".

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EPA comment letter  
on prop PN ...

The attached one-page letter contains our comments on the September 22, 2007 proposed rules amending the public notification regulations. We would like this to be included in the agenda packet for Board members prior to the meeting to consider the final rules.  
(See attached file: EPA comment letter on prop PN revisions.pdf)  
If there are any questions, you may contact me.

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