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Subject: U.S. EPA Comments on Blue Eye Run, et. al., Stream Redesignations



BlueEyeRun.pdf (36 KB)

Included in the body of this message is the U.S. EPA's comments on Pennsylvania's proposed Blue Eye Run, et. al., Stream Redesignation package. I am also including a scan of the signed and dated letter.

(See attached file: BlueEyeRun.pdf)

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If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me at (215)814-5452, or have your staff contact Denise Hakowski at (215)814-5726.

Sincerely,

Larry Merrill, Acting Associate Director
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cc: Richard Shertzer (PADEP)



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