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Independent Regulatory Review Commission 333 Market Street 14th Floor, Harristown, 2 Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Commissioners:

I strongly recommend the approval of the Chapter 102 Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management regulation (7-440) proposed by the Environmental Quality Board.

The Senate district I represent includes hundreds of miles of exceptional value and high quality streams and rivers and is economically dependent on outdoor recreational activities and tourism. I have heard from many individuals and groups concerned about the risks if suitable protections are not put in place quickly. It is essential to protect these pristine streams and rivers because environmental damage from a serious accident may prove irreversible.

The regulation is a good compromise to further protect our invaluable water supplies. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Baker Senator

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