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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

RE: Supplement to Monroe County Conservation District Comments Proposed Rulemaking – 25 Pa. Code Ch. 102 39 Pa.B. 5131, August 29, 2009

Dear Environmental Quality Board members:

It has come to our attention that a new EPA rule (40 CFR Part 450), which takes effect in February 2010, will affect construction activities that require an NPDES permit in accordance with §102.5. A major component of the new rule takes effect in August 2011, and requires construction sites that disturb 20 or more acres at one time to monitor discharges from the site and comply with numeric effluent limitations. By 2015, this requirement will apply to sites that disturb 10 acres at one time.

We respectfully request that the proposed Chapter 102 rulemaking be amended to incorporate the new EPA requirements at 40 CFR Part 450 (§§450.10, 450.11, 450.21-450.24).

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely

District Manager

cc: DEP Secretary John Hanger

DEP Central Office, c/o Kenneth Murin

DEP Northeast Regional Office, c/o Joseph Buczynski

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