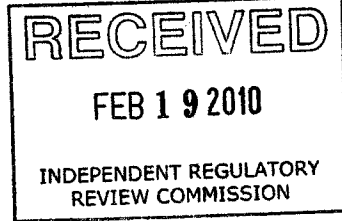


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Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 6:10 PM
To: EP, RegComments
Subject: Changes to TDS Treatment Standards
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Dear Secretary Hanger,

I support the "Proposed Rulemaking to 25 PA. Code Ch. 95, Wastewater Treatment Requirements" in its entirety for the following reasons:

- According to the *Wellsboro Gazette*, January 13, 2010, p.5-A, "Gas companies are predicting that they will be drilling 7,000 to 10,000 wells in the next five to 10 years" in Tioga County, PA. This has the potential to impair water quality and degenerate the community character on a large scale.
- The rivers and streams of the "Pennsylvania Wilds" are vulnerable to TDS toxicity as much as our western regions. Polluted waters will endanger tourism and the health of citizens.
- By protecting these waters, new regulations will help support tourism, which generates more than \$28 billion in economic revenues. "More than 600,000 Pennsylvanians work in the tourism industry, drawing paychecks totaling \$18 billion" (October 27, 2009, press release, Office of the Governor of Pennsylvania).
- I am attaching images of the "Pennsylvania Wilds" to demonstrate its unique character and fragility.

I also recommend the following:

- Stop all new gas drilling operations until the proposed wastewater standards (Ch. 95) are implemented.
- Follow the example of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission in monitoring effluents continuously via automatic data collection and wireless transmission.
- Extend the moratorium on drilling until needed monitors are in place and operational.
- Require companies to maintain written records of all materials that enter or leave each drill site.

- Expand the language of the proposed changes to protect the quality of surface waters and aquifers alike.

Sincerely,

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