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From: Frank Kohn [frank.j.kohn@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 4:56 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: [Fwd: RE: Please support strong regulations to protect drinking water]

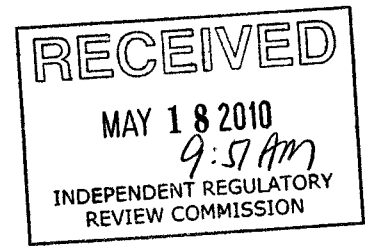
To Whom It May concern:

The future of Pennsylvania is in your hands. Please ensure that our drinking water will remain safe for years to come by supporting legislation to restrict/control total dissolved solids in our water.

Many Pennsylvania's cities and towns draw their drinking water from adjacent rivers and waterways that could be contaminated by the chemicals used to extract gas from shale. Protect our water supply by supporting strong wastewater regulations.

Sincerely,

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----- Original Message -----

Subject:RE: Please support strong regulations to protect drinking water
Date:Mon, 17 May 2010 09:40:01 -0400
From:Cooper, Donna <doncooper@state.pa.us>
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References:<11457486.1273876291862.JavaMail.www@app230>

Thank you for sharing your views with me. This Governor supports the promulgation of this final form regulation. In addition to the Environmental Quality Board's approval, this regulation must also be acted on by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission. I urge you to let the members of the IRRC know your position on this regulation by emailing them at IRRC@irrc.state.pa.us

Donna Cooper
Secretary of Policy

-----Original Message-----

From: PennFuture [<mailto:pennfuture@pennfuture.org>] On Behalf Of Frank Kohn
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 6:32 PM
To: Cooper, Donna
Subject: Please support strong regulations to protect drinking water

May 14, 2010

Secretary Donna Cooper

Dear Secretary Cooper,

Please vote to support regulations that reduce the risk that total dissolved solids (TDS) pose to our rivers and streams. Pennsylvania's rivers and streams provide billions of dollars of direct and indirect economic benefit to the Commonwealth's families, farms, and industries.

Total dissolved solids have already polluted drinking water and led to massive fish kills. We need these rules in place to control the significant new source of TDS pollution from gas drilling wastewater.

Delay will threaten the state's ability to get the rules in place so that we can safely develop the valuable gas resource. Please vote to approve the TDS rule on Monday.

- Over the next several years, dramatically increased development of the natural gas-bearing shales in Pennsylvania threatens to exacerbate this problem in rivers and streams throughout the state.

- In late 2008, high TDS levels in the waters of the Monongahela River south of Pittsburgh threatened to shut down industries that are dependent on the River's fresh water for their operations, and made household water undrinkable for approximately 330,000 people in the southwestern part of the state.

- In August and September 2009, the discharge of high-TDS wastewater into Dunkard Creek, a tributary of the Mon located mostly in Greene County, from coal mines in West Virginia and Pennsylvania wiped out virtually all aquatic life in that stream.

I fully support DEP's efforts to establish effluent standards for new sources of wastewaters containing high concentrations of total dissolved solids and urge the DEP to go even further in protecting our waterways.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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