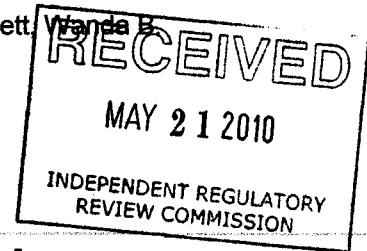
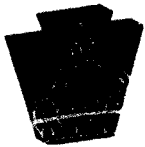


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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Subject: Support DEP's new TDS standards

Message:

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. And, the public drinking water supply that depends on our rivers and streams needs to be protected from high TDS. TDS is something that is in very high concentration in fracking and flowback fluids in Marcellus Shale wells. Most of this fluid with high TDS ultimately will be discharged into waterways. Current DEP regulations have been revised to mandate that Marcellus drilling fluid discharges be treated so that TDS is lower in the discharged fluid than would otherwise be allowed. Massive quantities of this fluid are expected to be discharged into PA's streams and rivers when the gas industry is in full swing. Many of PA's waterways serve as sources of drinking water for thousands of PA residents. High TDS water will kill many aquatic organisms, including trout and the insects on which they feed. Many of PA's industries depend on these same water sources and cannot run their businesses if TDS is too high. Given how damaging high TDS levels are to human health, to our economy and to other organisms living in or drinking high TDS water, it makes sense for DEP to propose stronger and more protective TDS standards. Lobbyists for the gas industry are working hard to keep DEP from enacting these new standards. Please vote for the interests of ALL PA's citizens - not for the few whose interests are solely for making money from gas extraction.