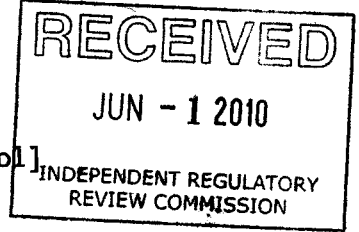


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From: Andrea young [andreay@windstream.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 5:04 PM
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Subject: Docket #2783 and Docket #2806, Erosion and Sedimentation Control and Wastewater



Commissioners Coccodrilli, Bedwick, Lutkewitte, Mizner, and Fineman:

RE: Docket Number #2783 [EQB 7-440: Erosion and Sedimentation Control]

RE: Docket Number #2806 [EQB 7-446: Wastewater]

Both of the Environmental Quality Board's actions on Wastewater and Erosion and Sedimentation Control from its May 13, 2010 meeting would take us a long way to preserving a clean and healthy water supply in our state for many years.

We voters strongly urge you to approve the Environmental Quality Board's proposed revisions to the Chapter 102 regulations, including the section that would mandate 150' buffers for new development along Exceptional Value and High Quality streams. It is imperative you approve its new regulations on Wastewater, including the section that requires natural gas drillers to treat their wastewater before they release it into our waterways, to the point that it has no more than 500 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and 250 mg/L each of Sulfates and Chlorides.

Require all developers to install or maintain a buffer of trees and plants alongside all our state's streams. This is a smart, low-cost solution to protect these important natural resources .

Buffers filter out pollutants in river water before it becomes drinking water, they reduce the risk of flood damage, increase property values and the tax base, maintain lower stream temperatures and better water quality needed by fish and save Pennsylvania money on stormwater management by using existing natural resources effectively.

DEP's proposal of 500 mg/L for Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and 250 mg/L each for Sulfates and Chlorides will go a long way towards ensuring that federal drinking water standards are met across the state for TDS. It is critical that any TDS wastewater effluent standard be protective of aquatic life. We strongly encourage IRRC to approve the standards and to preserve them as discharge standards.

With tourism and recreation serving as major drivers of Pennsylvania's economy, it is critical that we protect the resources these industries depend on: our rivers and streams, especially the EV and HQ streams that stand out as the most attractive for these visitors.

Please approve these regulations on June 17th.

Sincerely,

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