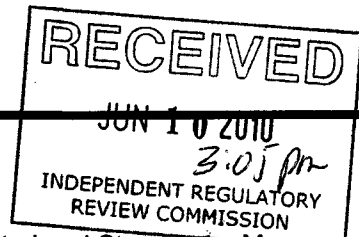


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Members of the IRRC:

As a private citizen concerned about the quality of our environment, I wish to register my support for Docket #2783, Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management, which will require the establishment and protection of buffers along High Quality and Exceptional Value streams in Pennsylvania.

Maintaining permanent undeveloped buffers, particularly forested buffers, along waterways of high environmental value may be the single most important step the Commonwealth can take to protect these waters and the lands downstream from them.

Buffers provide unparalleled protection against unrestrained stormwater runoff and flooding by moderating the runoff rate into streams and filtering out pollutants – and unlike engineered floodwalls and retention ponds, they require little or no cost for development or maintenance. They are the best possible investment in health, safety and quality of life for all residents of Pennsylvania. I urge you to approve this rulemaking without delay.

Yours sincerely,

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