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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Environmental Quality Board
P. O. Box 8477
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Dear Environmental Quality Board Members:

I am writing to offer some thoughts on the proposed Chapter 95 regulatory changes. Overall, they are an improvement, but I am concerned that they are not strong enough to contend with the toxic wastewater throughout the Commonwealth.

Water resources in Pennsylvania not only support our health and the overall environment's health, but provide a critical backbone to the economy of our state. Public water supply is critical to not just survival, but also the development of many communities. Property values themselves are clearly dependent on the availability of affordable clean water. It is clearly less expensive to put controls on pollution sources, compared to allowing untreated discharges that all drinking water systems then must treat in their finished product.

It is my understanding that Pennsylvania Clean Water Action has submitted a detailed outline addressing the following concerns: overview and effective date of regulation, new and existing sources, applicability thresholds, Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) standards, additional contaminants concern, monitoring of wastewater, and wastewater reuse. Therefore, I respectfully request Environmental Quality Board Members to examine the outline that details Pennsylvania Clean Water Action's concerns. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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