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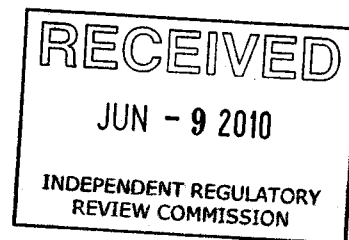


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June 7, 2010

Honorable Arthur Coccodrilli
Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street
14th Floor
Harrisburg, Pa. 17101

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

It is my hope that your Commission will act to preserve the quality of drinking water for all our residents.

The health of our citizens should be our primary concern. This is the time for government to act for protecting its people. You have before you regulations that would set discharge standards for dissolved solids, sulfates, and chlorides. In sufficient quantities, these discharges have been shown to lead to severe health ailments. I am aware that residents in parts of Pennsylvania are already reporting health problems and having their drinking water declared undrinkable. This is intolerable. It is further unthinkable that, knowing this, we would act to allow these hazards to afflict more people.

I know that several members of the House Democratic Caucus are joining with the Clean Water Action in calling for discharge standards of

500 milligrams per liter for Total Dissolved Solids and of 250 milligrams per liter for Sulfates and Chlorides. I join in encouraging adoption of regulations that will protect our water quality.

Your consideration of this is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark B. Cohen", written over the printed name.

Mark B. Cohen

Chairman

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