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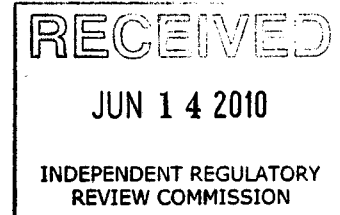
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June 14th, 2010

Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street
14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101



RE: Chapter 95, Wastewater. IRRC #2806. EQB 7-446.

Dear Independent Regulatory Review Commission:

First, I would like to recognize the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for setting a reasonable ceiling for TDS relating to existing industries with discharge permits. DEP has engaged in a thorough and well rounded stakeholder process to arrive at these standards. I applaud the Department for being careful and conscientious of our state's interests and needs for the opportunity that natural gas drilling presents to us.

Secondly, I would like to urge strong consideration of a discharge standard, 500 milligrams per liter (mg/L) for Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and 250 mg/L each for Sulfates and Chloride for natural gas drillers. These standards will go a long way towards ensuring that federal drinking water standards are met across the state for TDS.

I acknowledge that many other states that host Hydrofracking do not permit any discharge of wastewater in their states. Pennsylvania is a water rich state; however it does not have the sort of geology that makes large scale deep-well injection an option. Hydrofracking has never been conducted on such a scale and with such volumes of water in our state before. Therefore, it is critical that we implement a strong discharge standard for wastewater that does make it into our water supply.

Please approve these rules so that they may be promulgated quickly and begin protecting the citizens of Pennsylvania as well as the aquatic life that so many of them enjoy.

If you have any questions about our support for this project please feel free to contact my office at 1 Marketway West, Suite 12A, York, PA 17401, 717-848-9595.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eugene A. DePasquale'.

Eugene A. DePasquale
State Representative

From: Kaufman, Kim
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 3:50 PM
To: Wilmarth, Fiona E.; Gelnett, Wanda B.
Cc: Outreach
Subject: Fw: DEP Proposed Regulation, support. Chapter 95 on Wastewater & Chapter 102 on Buffers (Erosion and Sedimentation control)
Attachments: Chapter 95_Wastewater Chapter 102_buffers 061410.pdf

FYI

From: Silvagnoli, Tanisha
To: Kaufman, Kim
Cc: DePasquale, Eugene ; IRRC; Fink, Shawn
Sent: Mon Jun 14 15:45:31 2010
Subject: DEP Proposed Regulation, support. Chapter 95 on Wastewater & Chapter 102 on Buffers (Erosion and Sedimentation control)
Ms. Kauffman, Executive Director- Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC);

Please consider the attached letters as Representative DePasquale's intent to show support of two proposed Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations. Chapter 95 on Wastewater (IRRC# 2806.EQB7-446) and Chapter 102 on Erosion and Sedimentation Control (IRRC# 2783.EQB7-440) recently passed through the Environmental Quality Board, and are headed to the IRRC for final approval on June 17th.

We are aware that the IRRC is going to be briefed on Thursday, June 10th about these regulations. The Representative asks that you give all due consideration of the above mentioned DEP proposed regulations. If you have any questions, you may reach Representative DePasquale in our Harrisburg office at: 717.787.7514 or in our York district office at: 717.848.9595.

Thank you.

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"Summer afternoon, summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language" Henry James