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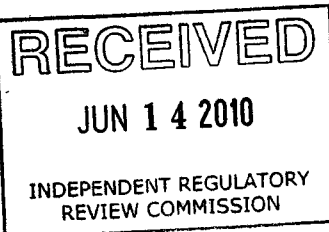
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June 14, 2010

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



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

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

I write today in support of a discharge standard 500 milligrams per liter (mg/L) for Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and 250 mg/L each for Sulfates and Chlorides 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. We also applaud DEP for setting a reasonable ceiling for TDS for existing industries with discharge permits.

I also acknowledge that many other states that host hydrofracking do not permit any discharge of wastewater in their states. Pennsylvania is water rich state but it does not have the sort of geology that makes large scale deep-well injection a cost effective option. Therefore, it is critical that we implement a strong discharge standard for wastewater that does make it into our water supply.

Please approve this rule so that it may be promulgated quickly and begin protecting the people of Pennsylvania as well as the aquatic life that so many of them enjoy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John J. Siptroth".

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State Representative
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