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The Otzinachson Regional Group of the Sierra Club strongly requests that the Environmental Quality Board approve the DEP proposed new regulations of 500mg/L total dissolved solids (TDS) and 250mg/L for each for Sulfides and Chlorides. This is an important first step, but only a first step. These regulations must be put into effect as soon as possible. They must also be applied to current discharges into our streams as permits come up for renewal. No new permits should be issued until the new regulations are in place.

Unfortunately, TDS are not the only problem associated with hydro fracture drilling. DEP must make sure that all potentially harmful chemicals involved in the drilling process are regulated to protect our streams and aquifers. DEP must also make sure that all aspects of the drilling process are regulated to protect our water resources which are much more valuable than the natural gas that is to be extracted. They must track waste water from drilling sites to treatment facilities.

Sincerely,
Jack D. Miller, Group Chair