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As a deeply concerned citizen of Washington County , Pennsylvania , I urge you to pay attention to the potentially life-changing effects of gas drilling in Pennsylvania . You have been elected and we hold you responsible for protecting the health and environmental interests of your constituents. Specifically:

- 1. We need safe drinking water!** DEP's proposal will go a long way towards ensuring that our drinking water supplies will not have unsafe levels of total dissolved solids (TDS). DEP should not weaken their proposed discharge standard for TDS.
- 2. We need these regulations to be in place as soon as possible to protect our rivers and drinking water.** DEP should stop giving out more drilling permits until wastewater rules are in place. DEP should also stop allowing existing or proposed wastewater plants to pollute our rivers unless they follow these new rules.
- 3. DEP should add discharge standards for those contaminants that are frequently found in Marcellus Shale gas drilling wastewater.** These would include bromides, arsenic, benzene, radium, magnesium, and possibly others. Many of these contaminants are very difficult for drinking water systems to remove.
- 4. DEP needs to ensure that all aspects of the generation of Marcellus wastewater are regulated.** Currently there are no requirements to track wastewater from drilling sites to treatment plants, and there is no oversight over the reuse of Marcellus wastewater.

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