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To Whom It May Concern:

The intent of this letter is to urge you to not give in to the oil and gas lobbies who are attempting to weaken PA DEP proposed regulations on wastewater treatment requirements (chap. 95).

The municipalities along the Susquehanna River have been mandated to upgrade their sewage treatment plants, at great expense, so that less polluted water is discharged into the river. It would seem rather foolish for communities to invest this kind of money to clean up the waterways, then have weakened regulations that would permit other groups to contaminate these same waters. If it is necessary for municipalities to not pollute the waterways, and I agree that it is, then it is also necessary that no other groups be allowed to either.

DEP should not lower their proposed discharge standards for TDS.

DEP should not issue any more drilling permits until adequate treatment plants for all "frackwater" are in operation.

Contaminates such as bromides, arsenic, radium, magnesium and others, which are found in Marcellus Shale Gas Drilling, should have discharge standards established by DEP.

All "fracking" wastewater should be accounted for through a tracking system from drilling site to treatment plant.

When coal was mined originally in Pennsylvania and other states, we didn't know what the long term environmental problems would be and we are still suffering for and paying for that lack of knowledge. The Marcellus Shale Gas underlying Pennsylvania can be an economic boom to the state and should be extracted. We have the technology to do it in an environmentally sound way. We know what the problems will be if proper controls aren't mandated and followed. We cannot and should not impose environmental problems on future generations when we can prevent them now.

Thank You.

Sincerely
 William R. Bailey Sr.

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