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To: Environmental Quality Board

Nothing is more important to the health of the people of our Commonwealth than clean drinking water! I am writing in support of DEP's proposal of 500 mg/L for Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and 250 mg/L each for Sulfates and Chlorides . DEP should not weaken their proposed discharge standard for TDS.

Please implement the strongest possible standards for TDS as quickly as possible, to help ensure that our water supplies remain safe.

I would like to encourage the DEP to 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 toxic to humans and very difficult for drinking water systems to remove.

The disposal of wastewater from gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale is currently woefully under-regulated. Please put regulations in place to oversee the transportation and treatment of this toxic substance.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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