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Environmental Quality Board
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 8477
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

RE: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Environmental Quality Board (EQB) proposed amendment to the regulations on Wastewater Treatment Requirements.

Dear Members of the Environmental Quality Board:

I agree with the recommendation by the EQB to further protect Pennsylvania's drinking water and waterways by establishing new discharge standards for new sources of wastewaters that are high in total dissolved solids (TDS).

DEP should aggressively seek out all scientific knowledge concerning contents of all wastewater and have standards that would allow these waters to be treated in the safest possible way. As in the Marcellus water issue, companies are committed to use chemicals without identifying to the public or DEP what's in the water. Without intelligently understanding what exactly the composition is of all wastewater, how can we properly establish guidelines for treatment and discharging it?

Recently our community was being considered for the disposal of toxic wastewater specifically from the Marcellus gas drilling site in Pennsylvania. DELCORA, which had been permitted by the DEP to receive this water, treat it and release it into the Delaware River, was planning to bring this into an environmental justice community which has already been burdened with more than its share of society's ills. As of this date, we know of no known technology that would allow a sewage treatment facility to treat and release such waters into the Delaware River without causing serious problems to our ecology, aquatic life and the areas that use it for drinking water. However, through much community input and outrage, this permit was rescinded by the DEP, but we still have no guarantee that it will not be revisited at a later date.

Sincerely,

Reverend Dr. Horace Strand
Chairman – Chester Environmental Partnership
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From: faithtemple2512@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 1:39 PM
To: EP, RegComments
Subject: PADEP's EQB proposed amendment to the regulations on Wastewater Treatment Requirements.
Attachments: CEP Letter to EQB.doc

Dear EQB,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns regarding Wastewater Treatment Requirments. Please find my letter attached.

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