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Environmental Quality Board  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
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**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:

As a Senior Advisor on the PA Wilds and Director of the Governors Advisory Council on Hunting Fishing and Conservation, I strongly recommend that the EQB 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).

The Marcellus Shale play that is now unfolding in Pennsylvania potentially could have a devastating impact on our water quality. It is of particular concern because much of this activity is occurring in our headwaters located in the heart of Pennsylvania Wilds. Right now, industries discharging wastewater with high concentrations of TDS are only required to treat and remove heavy metals, but there is no treatment for TDS, sulfates and chlorides, other than dilution (using the stream to mix with the discharge to lower the level of contamination). The higher levels of TDS in Pennsylvania's water show that dilution is no longer an adequate treatment. It is critical that the EQB move to insure that our water resources have adequate protection.

I strongly suggest that the EQB adopt discharge standards that will adequately protect the waterways of the people of this Commonwealth.

Respectfully,

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