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Dear Sirs,

I would like to comment on the proposed Chapter 95 water regulations. I am a member of the Chemistry faculty at Hunter College in New York City, but I own property in a rural area of Pennsylvania (Bedford) that I will occupy full-time upon my retirement in two years.

It is a significant problem that there are no proposed standards in the new water regulations for many toxic organic chemicals, including benzene (!), that could cause extreme impact to public health if they were found in the drinking water. You are responsible for safeguarding the public health with regard to what is legal to discharge that could make its way into water wells or public water sources, and you must take that responsibility seriously, for both moral and legal reasons.

I strongly suggest that the new water regulations include a wide range of standards for what may be included in any discharge that could make its way into the water systems.

My best,

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