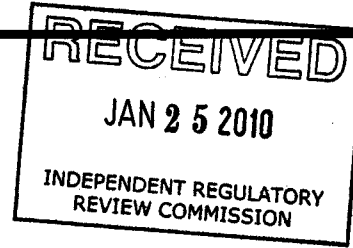


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It is vital to support the DEP proposal to establish new effluent standards for new sources of wastewater containing high Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) concentrations.

If approved and enacted these regulations will help clean up the many rivers in Pennsylvania which are severely impacted by mining and drilling operations, and will help protect the safety of our drinking water supply.

The regulations should be passed as soon as possible, and meanwhile no new permits should be issued until the new rules are in place and wastewater adequately treated. Existing wastewater plants should not be used unless they follow the new rules.

Discharge standards must be established for the many dangerous contaminants found in Marcellus Shale gas drilling wastewater, and the DEP must ensure that all aspects of generation of Marcellus wastewater are regulated.

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