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From: Vivian Williams [vwilliamsee@gmail.com]
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Dear DEP

Please safe guard our streams and fulfill the mission which is to protect our most precious resources. There are a litany of concerns about the effect the exploration and drilling for the Marcellus Shale in PA. Please do not weaken your proposed discharge standard for Total Dissolved Solids, which should be stated as a daily minimum not a monthly average . Also the frack water waste, laden with contaminants, should have stringent testing requirements. Where our forests are being cut, there should be documented monitoring to make sure the sites are replanted in a timely manner. The clearing of our forests will certainly have a serious impact on stream water quality. The new Chapter 95 water regulations should not be extended.

As a citizen who cares about the environment and as an educator dealing with watershed issues, I am very concerned that PA will become an example of what not to do for the rest of the country. Please fulfill your mission of good stewardship for our beautiful state.

Thank you.

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