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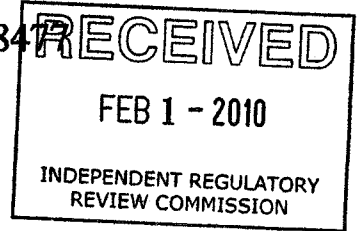
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Environmental Quality Board,

P. O. Box 8477,

Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

Jan. 18, 2010



Dear Environmental Quality Board,

I am asking you to protect my drinking water from TDS by enacting and enforcing strong regulations against pouring TDS into the Monongahela or any waterway. I am further asking that you cause regulations saying this to go into effect as quickly as possible and not be delayed by arguments that such regs will harm PA's economy.

I am a resident of Washington County and a customer of PA American Water Company-- I will benefit on the one hand from Marcellus Shale-related economic activity and on the other hand from increased protection of the Monongahela River. I am also a resident of a larger community-- the Earth-- and will benefit from any reduction in coal-fired power that is enabled by somewhat cleaner gas-fired power.

However, after weighing water vs somewhat cleaner energy, I come down on the side of water. In the short run and the long run, way stricter regulation of TDS is a totally defensible goal. In the short-run, gas is preferable to coal, but in the long run, carbon-emitting gas can't be defended against solar power, wind-power, and other sustainable energies. Therefore, you must protect my drinking water now and at the same time demand that the gas industry bear the true cost of its product by forcing them to pay their total costs including treatment of frac water and any other environmentally damaging by-product.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy M. Weiss".

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