



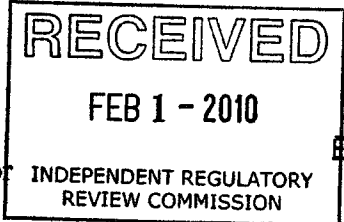
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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Re: 25 PA Code Ch. 95 Wastewater Treatment Requirements

Dear Environmental Quality Board Members,

I support action by PADEP to protect our streams, rivers and water supply from high-TDS discharges, especially from the burgeoning flow of gas drilling wastewater. The proposed standards for TDS, sulfate and chloride are a first step that must not be weakened.

However, these standards do not go far enough and additional protective measures need to be taken by PADEP now to prevent further degradation of the State's waterways and water resources.

The Delaware River system is of special concern for water quality protection. The Delaware River is the largest undammed American river east of the Mississippi, and many miles of the Delaware River have been designated into the National Wild and Scenic River System with identified outstanding national resource values that should have long term protection.

Sincerely,

Fred Akers, Chair, Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers

CC:

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