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To the Environmental Quality Board:

I urge you to pass strong regulations to protect our streams. With Marcellus shale drilling accelerating at what seems to be an uncontrolled rate in northern PA, the state needs to establish clear-cut standards on water quality. My land borders a clean stream with native trout and I drink spring water from the mountain above me. But what was once a peaceful valley in Gaines Township is now a prime gas drilling site and I fear--for myself, my neighbors, and all Pennsylvanians--that we will lose what is becoming a scarce resource in the world: clean water.

Marcellus "frackwater" must be monitored from beginning to end and there should be a paper trail documenting the origin, use, flowback, transportation, treatment and disposal of all frackwater fluids.

Do not allow wastewater to be dumped in our streams and rivers.

We need discharge standards for contaminants that are frequently found in Marcellus wastewater: bromides, arsenic, benzene, radium, magnesium and Volatile Organic Compounds.

We need these standards in place as soon as possible to protect aquatic life and drinking water. DEP should stop issuing more drilling permits, which increase existing wastewater loads in Pennsylvania streams, until Chapter 95 revisions are in place.

Sincerely yours,

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