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Environmental Quality Board
Pennsylvania DEP
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RE: Proposed amendments to the regulations on wastewater treatment requirement

To: Members of the Environmental Quality Board

I agree with the recommendation by the EQB to further protect Pennsylvania's drinking water by establishing new discharge standards that recognize the high dissolved solids discharged in Pennsylvania's waterways and ground waters. It is absolutely imperative that an amendment be made to wastewaters at this time.

As of now, I feel that a major watershed disaster looms on the horizon in the Monongahela River which supplies approximately 850,000 people daily. Local water authorities have begun warning their customers of upcoming problems. The worst is that none of this has had to happen or should happen in the future. The technology to treat the waste waters of these drilling processes is available but because of cost is not used by these companies who are anxious to maximize profits. At present, there are no treatment plants that can remove total dissolved fluids (TDS) and other chemical pollutants from the drilling waste water

Sincerely,



Richard Yanock