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**Subject:** 25 Code Chapter 95, Wastewater Treatment Requirements

Dear Members of the Environmental Quality Board

RE: 25 Code Chapter 95, Wastewater Treatment Requirements

The proposed new regulations on TDS discharges into Pennsylvania rivers issued last April have already had a very positive result. The gas drilling industry has quickly moved to develop waste water management strategies that rely on recycling.

Recycling has a number of advantages beyond waste water treatment. It reduces the amount of fresh water removed from streams, which is a contentious issue, and greatly reduces the amount of heavy tanker truck traffic. The new treatment plants on the drawing board often promise no discharge into our rivers.

The gas exploration industry is very well funded and technically based. They have the means, as they already have proven, to respond to the challenges of their own waste water. Put to the task, this industry is developing strategies that other industries can follow. These new technologies will translate into good, home grown jobs.

Please hold the line on the proposed new standards. they are not perfect but are a very good start. Additions of TDS are always a pollutant in fresh water systems. Please don't accept a nuanced poisoning of our rivers when the means exist to avoid it. Everyone benefits, particularly the effected industries, when good regulation leads to a sustainable condition.

This is especially important because the oil and gas industry are exempt from complying with the federal Clean Water Act. You have become the last line of defense. Please protect the quality of our water.

Don't let what happened to the anthracite coal region happen to the rest of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

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