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Environmental Quality Board
P.O. Box 8477
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RE: 25 PA. CODE CH. 95
Wastewater Treatment Requirements

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in opposition to the Ch 95 TDS proposed rulemaking. This proposed rulemaking would have a severe detrimental impact on the citizens and industries of Pennsylvania. This regulation could potentially end surface mining and related industries in Pennsylvania. I would be directly and negatively affected by a loss of jobs in this industry segment, as would thousands of others. DEP did not even perform an economic impact analysis of this proposal.

DEP has not provided data to substantiate their claim that the streams of the Commonwealth are being negatively affected by high TDS levels. EPA's STORET data and West Virginia University Water Research Institute's data paint a totally different picture over the past 10 years. To propose such drastic regulation without compiling sufficient data from all available sources is asinine to say the least.

DEP needs to withdraw this regulation and take the time to analyze data from the various sources that have been collecting it over an extended timeframe. They can use this time to better understand the cause and effects of this situation.

Sincerely,

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