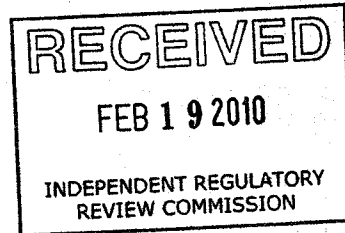


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Cynthia Bower
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February 6, 2010

Environmental Quality Board
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Dear Environmental Quality Board Members:

One of Pennsylvania's greatest resources is an abundance of water, an element critical for survival and one gaining ever-increasing importance through our country and our world. Acid mine cleanup from years past continues to plague us today. We cannot let the same thing happen with Marcellus gas drilling.

On behalf of our waters, the Chesapeake Bay, we who now live here, and all future generations, please pass the proposed rulemaking changes in 25 Code Chapter 95, Wastewater Treatment Requirements, as published in the PA Bulletin November 7, 2009.

The proposed changes would greatly limit additional TDS from new facilities. TDS causes toxicity to fresh water species through increases in salinity and, changes in the ionic toxicity of individual ions and results in a shift in biotic communities. Studies show that other watersheds in Pennsylvania (e.g. the Monongahela River) are already being adversely impacted by TDS discharges by the gas drilling operations.

Additionally, watershed analyses conducted by the PA DEP indicate that the North and West Branches of the Susquehanna River and the Moshannon River watersheds are severely limited in their capacity to assimilate new loads of TDS and sulfates, primarily due to acid mine drainage from long-abandoned coal mines--a legacy of Pennsylvania's last energy rush. Increased TDS and sulfate loading would reverse years of hard-won progress by PA DEP in improving water quality in these watersheds.

Thank you for your consideration and support for our Commonwealth's clean waters.

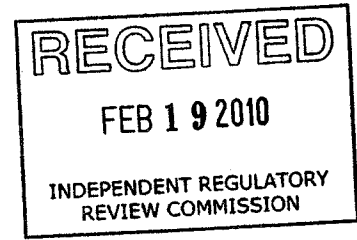
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Bower".

Cynthia Bower

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From: Cynthia Bower [cmbower@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 06, 2010 11:13 AM
To: EP, RegComments
Subject: Proposed Chapter 95 Changes
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Attached letter in support of Proposed Chapter 95 Changes