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Environmental Quality Board Rachel Carson State Office Building P.O. Box 8477 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

RE: 25 PA. CODE CH. 95 Wastewater Treatment Requirements [39 Pa.B. 6467]

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing to convey my opposition to the aforementioned proposed rulemaking relating to wastewater treatment requirements. My position is based on the arguments advanced by *F.O.R.C.E.* in its comments to the Board and I wholeheartedly endorse those comments.

The proposed standards are not based on sound science; are costly, burdensome, unworkable and ,therefore, threaten the vitality of the coal mining industry. At a time of economic turmoil throughout Pennsylvania and the country, the coal mining industry provides for high-paying, relatively stable jobs and provides the most cost-effective source of electricity now available. Placing obstacles such as this proposed rulemaking in the path of an already highly-regulated industry does nothing to achieve one of Governor Rendell's top economic priorities of retaining the jobs we have.

For these reasons, I ask that the EQB reject the proposed rulemaking.

Sincerely,

John M. Stilley