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Subject: Proposed New Regulations on TDS Discharges

Dear Members of the Environmental Quality Board:

I sincerely urge you to support and approve the proposed new standards to greatly reduce new, high TDS discharges into Pennsylvania's streams and rivers. Additions of TDS are always a pollutant in our beautiful and clean freshwater systems. As landowners in our pristine God's Country (Potter County), my wife and I purchased a cabin a few years ago because we fell in love with the peace and quiet of the area and its wonderful, natural beauty. Sadly, I am now seeing the effects of the gas industry first hand on the PA Wilds. Years and countless hours have been spent in our state to remediate acid mine drainage and encounter other environmental problems that have plagued our streams and rivers for years. Now, when we are actually on the cusp of alleviating many of those problems and stressors on our streams, the gas drilling industry has, in my opinion, been given carte blanche to bring noise, air and water pollution to our last remaining pristine areas. I can't even explain to you how upset I am, as well as how upset countless other people I know who cherish our tourism, hiking, hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities, are about the threat this drilling poses to our ground water wells, our streams and rivers locally and all water systems making up the Chesapeake Bay, Delaware, Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio river watersheds. I implore you each to review maps of our exceptional value watersheds, maps of our pristine streams and rivers, and maps of our streams designated as Class A Wild Trout Streams by the PA Fish Commission that nurture and support the last stronghold of our state fish---the native brook trout---. In doing so, you will find that across the northern tier of our state, and primarily in Northcentral PA, we have a wonderful concentration of pure, pristine streams and rivers that cry out for you to do what is right and protect them for our children, and our children's children. This generation and the generations to come need and deserve clean water! It is truly tragic that the gas drilling activities are concentrated in the same beautiful Northcentral region of our state that holds our cleanest and most pristine water sources. It is likewise truly tragic that our state government would allow gas drilling to be concentrated in these most pristine areas and even lease off our state forest land to drilling companies.

I really don't believe the new TDS standards are all that should be done when it comes to gas drilling in PA, but it is a good start. Frankly, myself and many other citizens believe the best way to proceed with gas drilling is the way it is being handled in New York. A moratorium on drilling and taking the time to study the issue before giving a basically unregulated industry free reign to drill in our state would certainly have made the most common sense. As members of the Environmental Quality Board, I must assume that you all have a great desire to protect our state's environment and natural places. I urge and implore you to not allow the gas industry and its lobbyists to sway your opinion when it comes to the proposed regulations. Please do what is right for our environment, our pristine places and our citizens. Please do not bow to political pressure. Please hold the line on the new regulations and do not permit a nuanced poisoning of our rivers and streams when the means exists to avoid it proactively. Please vote for and approve the new TDS regulations. Sincerely, Kenneth F. Klanica.

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