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Dear Members of the Environmental Quality Board:

RE: 25 Code Chapter 95, Wastewater Treatment Requirements

When my husband and I looked for a retirement home in 2004 we were delighted to discover the Endless Mountain and north central Pennsylvania's beautiful and mostly pristine vacation playland. By October of that year, we had selected Williamsport as our new home. We were delighted with our choice.

Since learning of the situation in Dish, Texas and studying the impact gas drilling has had on the lives of so many people in the Fort Worth area, we have become more and more concerned about the regulations and standards set and being set in Pennsylvania. We are also most concerned about the vocal clout these gas drilling companies have.

We, as Pennsylvanian residents now raise our voices. I am therefore writing, to ask for full acceptance of the proposed new regulations on TDS discharges into Pennsylvania rivers issued under 25 Code Chapter 95.

I believe these new regulations are needed to protect PA's rivers from the increase in TDS discharges brought by drilling in the Marcellus Shale and other industries.

The gas exploration industry is very well funded and will not be deterred form their efforts. Regulation is our only hope of protecting the health of Pennsylvania's environment and citizens. The gas industry MUST be made to develop strategies to deal with the waste they create.

Please hold the line on the proposed new standards. Any additional TDS are always a pollutant in fresh water systems. Please do not accept the further poisoning of our rivers when the means exist to avoid it. Only through proper regulation can we hope to have sustainability.

Thank you.

**Lorna Strom** 

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