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Subject: 25 Code Chapter 95

Dear Members of the Environmental Quality Board:
RE: 25 Code Chapter 95, Wastewater Treatment Requirements

Air. Water. It doesn't get any more basic than that when we're talking about life. And these are the very fundamentals we are risking as we enter this new era of gas well drilling in Pennsylvania. Our state has a history of ill-conceived resource management. Some of it occurred because people did not know any better. Some of it occurred because of short-sighted profit motives.

Let's not do it again. We know better nowadays. You cannot mess with air and water and think everything's gonna work out okay. That's why I am 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 from 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. Do not let the Pennsylvania Wilds become the Pennsylvania Wasteland.

Please hold the line on the proposed new standards. Any additional TDS are always a pollutant in fresh water systems. Please don't accept the further poisoning of our rivers when the means exist to avoid it. Only through proper regulation can we hope to have sustainability. We owe this not just to the current voting citizens of Pennsylvania but to the entire Chesapeake Bay Watershed and to our sons and daughter and their sons and daughters. Those of us who are writing to you are single small voices; we are counting on you to use your power responsibly. I understand these are rough economic times. But the health of our region should never be for sale.

Thank you for reading and considering my concerns.

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