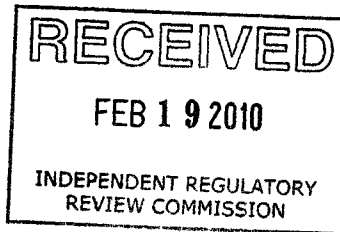


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RE: 25 Code Chapter 95, Wastewater Treatment Requirements

Dear Chairperson Hanger,

We are writing to support full acceptance of the proposed new regulations on TDS discharges into Pennsylvania rivers issued under 25 Code Chapter 95.

These regulations are needed to protect Pennsylvania's rivers from the increase in TDS discharges brought by drilling in the Marcellus Shale and other industries.

The gas exploration industry has massive funding and will not be deterred.

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 Total Dissolved Solids are always a pollutant in fresh water systems. Please don't accept the further poisoning of our rivers when the means exist to prevent it. Only through strong regulation can Pennsylvania have sustainability.

Thank you.

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