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Below please find comments submitted to the EQB regarding the proposed wastewater treatment regulations (TDS). The comments were submitted to Sen. White's office because of difficulty in emailing them directly to the EQB.

The EQB's consideration of George Durrwachter's comments is appreciated. Thank you.

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TDS Standards – EQB Hearings

Having recently attended the public hearing of the Environmental Quality Board's proposed rules change to DEP's waste water treatment requirements, I find it necessary to make comment. Of the 22 individuals who gave testimony in Williamsport only two opposed the rule changes.

I listened and then later did some reading and investigation and came to the conclusion that I too would like to support these new standards. Fresh water is such a finite resource when you realize that almost 80% is located in glaciers, nearly 20% in ground water aquifers, 0.7 % in lakes and only 0.005% in all the fresh water streams of the world. This fact is shocking and gives us good reason to believe that fresh water needs to be regulated. Having clear, transparent regulations just makes good sense. During my lifetime of 71 years the Commonwealth can be proud of the stewardship it has provided to our fresh water streams. We truly have come a long way. As a child one would never think of swimming in the river due to industrial pollution and mine acid drainage. We cannot let this progress slip away as it is always more expensive to treat and rehabilitate that to prevent pollution. To have measurable standards is something that will level the playing field for all who have to dispose of wastewater.

I therefore support the proposed DEP wastewater disposal standards.

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