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I am writing to SUPPORT DEP's Chapter 95 proposed revisions, and any new regulations that would place the burden of TDS water purification on polluting industries.

We need safe drinking water; your proposals will go a long way towards ensuring that our drinking water supplies will not have unsafe levels of TDS. Please do not weaken your proposed discharge standard for TDS.

We need these regulations to be in place as soon as possible to protect our rivers and drinking water. Please stop giving out more drilling permits until wastewater rules are in place. Also stop allowing existing or proposed wastewater plants to pollute our rivers unless they follow these new rules.

Also, please add discharge standards for those contaminants that are frequently found in Marcellus Shale gas drilling wastewater including bromides, arsenic, benzene, radium, magnesium, and possible others.

Finally, please ensure that all aspects of the generation of Marcellus wastewater are regulated, including requirements to track wastewater from drilling sites to treatment plants, and oversight of the reuse of Marcellus wastewater.

Thank you for your consideration of this most important, life-threatening matter.

Sincerely,
Sara Welshans