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Mr. David Sumner
Executive Director
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Sumner:

On behalf of a statewide coalition comprised of diverse business interests, we respectfully request the commission's approval of the final rulemaking for the current triennial review of Pennsylvania's water quality standards (25 Pa Code, Chapter 93) at the June 6th meeting.

Throughout the triennial review process, we have worked with the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), your commission, and the state legislature to express our concerns regarding this rulemaking. The result of this work is a final rulemaking that is based on sound, verifiable science that takes into consideration the economic impact of the rulemaking on the regulated community and strikes the necessary balance between surface water protection and economic development throughout Pennsylvania. In addition, this final rulemaking will continue to properly regulate discharges into Pennsylvania's surface waters to ensure clean water, recreational opportunities, and human health and aquatic life protection in the present and in years to come.

We would like to thank you and your staff for working with us, and thank the commission's board in advance for considering our collective position on this final rulemaking. If you have any questions about any of the specific concerns that we raised throughout this process, please refer to the public comment letters that each organization listed below submitted and/or contact us directly.

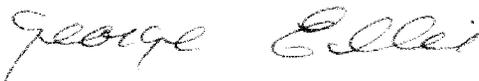
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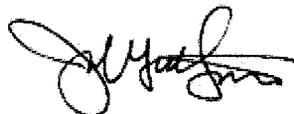
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