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Dear Members,

As a Pennsylvania resident I am greatly concerned with the quality of our rivers and streams, and as a taxpayer I hope that our state regulators are working to make sure our water is protected. I urge the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) to reject the final-form Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards, due to the lack of any standard for levels of salt (chlorides) in our rivers. We need to make sure a chloride standard is included in our state water quality standards.

As a gardener & farmer, I'm concerned about the quality of our fresh produce and livestock and about my health as I work on gardens and fields.

Every school child in this state knows the difference between freshwater and saltwater. I do not understand how Pennsylvania can refuse to protect our freshwater rivers and streams from something as simple as salt. Companies dumping oil and gas wastewater containing millions of pounds of salt should have to treat their wastewater, just like everyone else. Please help us get proper protection for our rivers in place here in Pennsylvania.

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