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The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Water Quality Standards; Class A Stream Redesignations.

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Comments entered:

Prior to the industrial revolution, Class A wild trout streams were very abundant in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. After abuse by industry, logging, farming and general land development, many, if not most streams in the commonwealth, can no longer support a wild trout population. We owe it to our residents to protect what remains of this valuable resource. Wild trout are indicators of relatively high water quality, and where they exist, you can bet that there are significant natural resources and good land management practices in place. This rule will help make sure that as land within the watershed is developed, the best land management practices are employed, and the proper safeguards are put in place.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Patrick McDonnell

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