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Proposed Rulemaking – Water Quality Standards; Class A Stream Redesignations (7-528)

Dear Re: Water Quality Standards; Class A Stream Redesignations,

I submit these comments in support of the Environmental Quality Board's proposal to amend the Pennsylvania Code to provide an extra layer of protection to approximately 207 miles of Pennsylvania's streams. 46 Pa. Bull. 1205 (March 5, 2016).

Pennsylvania's water resources are essential to the commonwealth's health and economic well-being, and they should be given the strongest possible level of protection.

I strongly support the addition of the stream segments listed in the March 5, 2016 Pennsylvania Bulletin announcement to the list of "High Quality" waters in Pennsylvania. Objective scientific data reveal that these streams are among the best of Pennsylvania's wild trout fisheries. Designating these stream segments "High Quality" will help provide them with an additional layer of protection to ensure that they continue to serve as a viable habitat for aquatic life. I ask that you finalize this rulemaking to provide these special waters with the special protection they deserve.

I also ask that you work with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to ensure that all Pennsylvania waters deserving of "special protection" status receive the appropriate designation as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments, and thank you for all of the work that you do to ensure Pennsylvanians' constitutionally protected right to "pure water." Pa. Constitution. Article 1, Section. 27.