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Re: eComment System

The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Safe Drinking Water General Update and Fees.

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I would like to voice my concern to the proposed regulatory updates of Chapter 109, Clean Water Act. In particular the fee schedule:

Our system serves approximately 55 residents. The majority of this community are children, the elderly and low income. While I embrace the added alarms and auxiliary power to our plants, as that will help keep our residents safe; I feel that I must protest the fee schedules, on behalf of the residents.

To bring our system into compliance is no easy task. The effort is unsurmountable on the best of days. It has been costly to our residents, to our acquired engineers and the County coffers just to find a suitable water source not to mention trying to stay within compliance.

The annual fee of \$250 a year on top of the increased tests will be a hardship on an already financially strained system. I am sure there is a thought that this fee can be passed on to the consumers - and in all fairness it will be. However, with each new testing requirement, equipment purchases, permit fees, and feasibility studies being passed onto the consumer - there is a minuet portion left for emergency repairs or capital projects. It hardly seems appropriate to ask our systems across the board to fix the Department Environmental Protection Agency's budget shortfalls by over extending ours.

Sincerely,
Tina Bennett