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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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Comments entered:

1. Drinking Water Fees - All Pennsylvania's benefit from the PA Water Program so costs for the program should be borne by all taxpayers through the General Fund instead of Public Water Suppliers. In addition, the fees being paid by the larger water systems are well above the cost of service that is received by the larger water systems so the rate payers are subsidizing the water systems. The Allentown system is a larger system yet our customer base is made up of many lower income that typically live in the inner Cities and should not be required to subsidize smaller systems.
2. Section 109.202 - Use the federal turbidity requirement of 0.3 NTU instead of the 0.30 NTU standard.
3. Section 109.1404 - LCA objects to the establishment of construction and major construction permit amendment fees to be based on population but rather on the scope of the project and not related to the size of the system. Minor permit fees should be based upon the actual cost of providing a service. LCA requests that an organization that operates many separate systems get a discounted fee.

The Lehigh County Authority operates the City of Allentown Water System, the Central Lehigh Division and 12 other systems.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.