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The Honorable Patrick McDonnell,
Chairperson, Environmental Quality Board
P.O. Box 8477
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Dear Chairperson McDonnell:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the proposed rulemaking package which was published for public comment in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on March 23, 2019 (i.e., the Class A Stream Redesignations package). EPA notes that, if finalized, this package will upgrade 42 stream segments totaling approximately 204 stream miles in the Commonwealth to High Quality status. We commend the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) in its continuing effort to upgrade streams into its Special Protection Waters Program.

We have only one comment on these proposed modifications. In drainage list T at 25 PA Code §93.9t please clarify the applicable zone for the proposed modification of the addition of the identified stream with hydrologic order "6—Quemahoning Creek" (see below). To maintain consistency with other listings of stream segments in drainage list T please identify the zone as either "Basin, Beaverdam Creek to Roaring Run" or "Mainstem, Beaverdam Creek to Roaring Run," as appropriate.

<i>Stream</i>	<i>Zone</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Water Uses Protected</i>	<i>Exceptions to Specific Criteria</i>
6—Quemahoning Creek	Beaverdam Creek to Roaring Run	Somerset	CWF	None

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me at (215)814-5737, or have your staff contact Katherine Bentley at (215)814-5762.

Sincerely,

Greg Voigt, Section Chief
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cc: Thomas Barron (PADEP)