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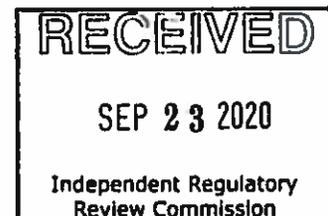


Re: eComment System

The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Water Quality Standards for Manganese and Implementation (#7-553).

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This terrible project is going to happen no matter what's said in public comment and anyone reading this comment knows that. No matter how scientific and specific these comments are or what issue is brought forth. This public comment process is a hideous smokescreen so that PA residents can feel they have a say in what happens where they live.

Further degrading PA's waterways through extra manganese dumping are just more of what the DEP was precisely designed to do: regulate the harm and poisoning on behalf of polluters thru the issuance of state-sanctioned permits. When the project inevitably goes sideways, the polluter will pay its fines, absorb its violations and apply for more permits, which will be granted by this agency. The polluter will always argue it was working within the confines of the issued permit. And best of all--the inevitable losses and contamination are socialized through PA's taxpayers.

The mining industry has forced PADEP to consider measuring manganese pollution NOT from the discharge point, but from the point where it enters public water supplies. This places the burden of the pollution on the public and not the polluter-- a system that works VERY well for industry and not at all for the population.

No matter what is said here, or how much outrage is typed out on this platform, this project will go through.

Ditto what Mr Dudash said in his comment. "This stinks. To high heaven."

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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