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The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Dam Safety and Waterway Management (#7-556).

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Comments entered:

I urge the PADEP and the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) to adopt strict rules. These regulations are an opportunity to help curb and avoid harm in the first place, to protect Pennsylvania's precious freshwater and finite resources. These water regulations can also help keep people and unnecessary non water dependent projects like residential developments and shopping centers out of harms way – this is especially important in a world of catastrophic climate change where flooding and rain events are becoming more and more common and extreme.

Keeping buildings and infrastructure out of these sensitive wetland and stream habitats, forested riparian buffers, flood-ways, and floodplains will go a long way to being smarter too not just for the water quality and protection of Pennsylvania's public trust standpoint and the people and property downstream but from savings by taxpayer dollars down the road with less flooding impacts and expense and heartache that often comes with those repetitive losses.

Thank you, Anne Young

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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