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

Commenter Information:

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Comments entered:

I'm a Pennsylvania taxpayer and I urge the PADEP and the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) to adopt stricter rules for Chapter 105, Dam Safety and Waterway Management. Protect Pennsylvania's precious freshwater resources.

Keep development out of our sensitive wetlands, stream habitats, forested riparian buffers, flood zones, and floodplains. Doing so will protect water quality as required by the Clean Water Act and by PA DEP's responsibility to act for the public good. Keeping development out of waterways protects human health by keeping our water clean and protects the environment, which also enhances quality of life. It's also smart and saves taxpayer money to prevent development in flood zones that will eventually, often repeatedly, flood, or cause floods and flood damage downstream. Keep development, including buildings, dams, pipelines, pipeline cuts, floodplain fill, dams and other harmful proposed projects OUT of our precious waterways.

I support stronger regulations and I support the details of the 2/3/2021 comments submitted jointly by Clean Air Council, PennFuture, Delaware Riverkeeper etc. They said it much better than I can. Pennsylvania's natural resources are precious. Keep it a great place to live.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Jessica Shirley

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