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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:

To Members of the Environmental Quality Board:

We are concerned that DEP did not provide sufficient opportunity to non-profit organizations to represent the public interest in environmental protection to protect Pennsylvania's waterways by providing insight into water protection regulations (chapter 105). We are particularly concerned with the impact of pipelines which pass through many properties. Since the EQB is only just now engaging with stakeholders with these interests, we ask that the EQB give significant consideration to these comments so that industry does not have undue power to harm our wetlands and waters.

We learn that EQB is only now engaging with stakeholders with these interests. Consideration is owed to watchdog nonprofits' comments, such as those by the Delaware River Network and Clean Air Council, among others..

EQB must join us in protecting not only the generation before our eyes but the future generations – both the children whom we see now but also those who will live in our communities, our state, who need clean water and safe land not endangered by pipelines, landslides, and sedimentary deposits from runoff into wetlands and streams. Thus, we urge not granting waivers that allow industries to bypass permitting that protects our environment. Please give full consideration to nonprofits' insights into proposed revisions to prevent permit waivers, especially those that by requiring applicants to submit a single application rather than

obtaining the input from affected counties which know the geological impacts of their own landscape. Communities must be involved in reviewing county-specific impacts from projects like pipelines to the fullest extent.

We shall certainly be watching this process.

Submitted:

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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