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The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Water Quality Standards - Dunbar Creek et al. Stream Redesignations (#7-557).

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Comments entered:

Sirs & Madames: almost exactly 50 years back I published my first cover feature on the Delaware River watershed. Then the grand idea was a 90 mile dam... with no bedrock found on the Jersey side and fish ladders located on the model dam breast next to the Turbine intakes.

In the subsequent years, I have covered wine and food cultivation around ththe world. All COMPLETELY dependent on potable water. A grape is 85% water not petroleum, frack run off or sewage etc.

The Delaware Aquifer is maybe the best in the entire world ... and right at the top if we don't want to argue. As I flew in to Boise last time the Snake River was nearly absent. The Rockies without snow caps. Lake Mead ... mud flats. The wine regions of California baking and afire. The Colorado River tapped put ... the wells running on empty.

And here we are, with one of the last free flowing river and the same crew makes the case for wrecking the works best water supply ... the same water we drink and raise our food with. The same nightmare merchants still call advocates "dreamers". Well the "realists" are damn close to creating hell on earth with the same nonsense that there will always be sprinklers for golf courses.

Water... clean, flowing water (no not floods from hyper warming in the gulf ... give us a break) is the number one resource. Not fracking, not grade a crude ... but water.

Every opportunity for preservation and protection must be taken the smaller steps on tributaries and the larger master plans to preserve (not hold & wreck).

Even Nestle will tell you that ... except they want to sell it back to us.

This letter is in support of both.

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