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The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Safe Drinking Water PFAS MCL Rule (#7-569).

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Comments entered:

I applaud the current movement to lessen exposure of PFOA elements in our environment and my personal opinion is to make it NON-detectable. Given what other poisons folks put into their systems, having safe water at least exonerates water authorities of any wrongdoing in their missions and obligations to their clients. I was an employee of Willow Grove Air Reserve station for 34 years, which many folks may not know is ground zero for the contamination in this area. I have been tracking progress of the issue and see in 6 years we are not far off of where we started in 2016. I wish to call on the rug the DOD/Navy/ Air Force for contaminating the aquifer for this area. It is all well and good for Pennsylvania to ensure the rights and safety of its residents is protected but the issue stems from the federal sector and it is the federal sector that should be running point for the issue. I am well aware the DOD/Navy/Air Force are funding the filter systems for the local water authorities. Only recently has a study been enacted to research human exposure to the AFFF and that is funded by Pennsylvania not the federal government. So far, DOD does not cover for the damage they have done to the local population. I highlight a lot of these folks are former employees and are Veterans. So, here we have superfund site where folks ingested contaminants and those Veteran individuals are not covered for their symptoms by the Veterans Administrations. If their illness is connected to a site overseas that show the same contamination that we have here, they would be covered. Current studies claim the components of PFOA's are included in many other products and if that is the case, they are exterior of the body whereas water ingested, and food prepared with compromised water are

internally affecting the digesting process. I have read in the local media, where back in the 80's the manufacturers warned potential users that the PFOA solutions were not compatible with wildlife. Are humans not wildlife, just further up the hierarchy chain of evolution? This plan that has been developed states that many areas are affected by the discovery of widespread contamination in the water supply. Many homeowners had to install water filtration in their homes for when they sell, they may be able to get a fair market value for their home. All because of the DOD callous use of the solution. Back in 2018, PA,EPA had a community presentation at Hatboro-Horsham High School. Never heard of any results of that function. You may say contact you elected officials. This has all been done to the point where I have "CONSTITUENT LEPROSY". Never hear from anybody even when prompted to respond. I know of one individual who did respond to an accidental environmental spill in a local creek. This individual was ordered on scene by his authorities, took photos of the spill and then was chastised for being a whistleblower. When Willow Grove closed up and no longer had employees, this individual transferred to another DOD agency where his employment history followed him where he as further punished. They went to his home confiscated his personal computer and further denied this individual potential promotions and Superior Performance Appraisals. This individual took a beating just for doing his assigned duties. I am a member of the DOD BRAC-Restoration Advisory Board and a contributing member of the PA Community Action Panel as part of the Muiiti- Site Health Study conducted by PA and the CDC. I have and am always available to speak with anyone regarding the issue of the solution that has contaminated our aquiver and have left my information below.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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