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**Re: eComment System**

**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:

As the Spokesperson for Bucks Environmental Action, located in one of two counties who helped to bring this horrendous situation to the attention of the Armed Forces as well as local, State and Federal agencies and officials, I find it important to continue making comments about these proposed regulations.

These regulations not only do not go far enough in codifying the removal of this dangerous family of chemicals from water sources especially, they actually disregard some of the science done most recently about what those levels should be. Recommended levels were set much lower by the Drexel group and seem to have been "relaxed" when DEP applied a cost/benefit analysis to those recommendations. How is this a moral thing to do for a watchdog agency that is supposed to be protective of the public health and welfare? Is it not a moral decision, but it is a political one as there are forces in Harrisburg that are solely interested in supporting industry and business e interests, and therefore questions the price tag only of projects that are for the public good. In addition, the rate of implementation is onerously slow, even sluggish to the point of being almost moribund, while the poisoning of our bodies takes moments. Again, how is this moral? Or part of your agency's mandate? And finally, this family of toxic chemicals is way larger than the one or two or three included in these rules. The fact that the agency did not find them in quantities that concerned this agency, only points to how testing itself might be at fault, as

well as the population tested. Frankly, we do not believe that some members of this family will prove to be benign.....this makes little sense in light of how most chemicals prove to be equally problematic as research becomes specific to them.

Thank you for finally finally doing something, but sadly, we find this effort to be watered down, containing amoral positions, and is incomplete.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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