



Testimony for PFAS MCL Proposed Rulemaking

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Public Hearing on Safe Drinking Water PFAS MCL Proposed Rulemaking

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Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection must create a meaningful and protective PFAS MCL (PerFluoroAlkyl Substances Maximum Contamination Level) . If water is life, we *MUST* pass serious protective PFAS regulations now.

Pennsylvania holds a particularly important role in water quality, with six major watersheds, including the 15 million people who rely on the Delaware River Watershed; the 3.8 million within the Susquahanna Watershed that supports the Chesapeake Bay and the 25 million in 14 states who live within the Ohio River Watershed. Pennsylvania water is important!

Without *strict* PFAS regulations that are protective of our water and environment, we cannot hope to offer our citizens a healthy, safe future. Nothing is more expensive than the damage we are causing without strong regulation on chemicals like PFAS.

The EPA's *health advisory levels* for PFAS in drinking water do nothing to offer protective measures and are not enforceable. Especially since PFAS are "forever chemicals" and are bio-accumulative - building up in your body – and we are exposed to this chemicals through everything from our food and life exposures, creating real PFAS regulation in water a the necessary first step. Without creating **ENFORCEABLE REGULATIONS** our food, water and environment are contaminated by the free flow of PFAS and other chemicals.

States such as Maine and Michigan are taking PFAS contamination seriously.

Recently in Maine, PFAS contaminated the water supply that serves Kennebunkport, traced to a nearby farm that used sewage sludge/biosolids as a "fertilizer" 20 years ago. In North Carolina, PFAS chemicals have been found in the drinking water wells 25 miles away from the Chemours plant where the chemical is produced. In Pennsylvania, PFAS is being found in our wildlife, including the animals we consume like fish and deer. This is not from fire fighting foam locations – it's from our contaminated and poisoned water.

If we look for PFAS, it is there. We don't need more case studies, more location tests, there's plenty of science, examples and support from states such as Maine and Michigan who are taking PFAS seriously, including banning land applied sewage sludge/biosolids application due to the transfer of PFAS from

soil contamination and run-off. Look at industry giants like Dupont who have the studies of known contamination and what we must move away from protecting industry and municipal and state financial interests and protect our water. Water is life!

Look at other states, take your position as the PA Department of Environmental Protection seriously; close the loopholes that allow a known toxins like PFAS to poison our water, our communities and our future. PA citizens and the nation are counting on you to set real, protective and **enforceable** regulations.