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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'm writing to call on DEP to strengthen its proposal to tackle pollution from the "forever chemicals" known as PFAS. While I'm glad DEP is looking at addressing this issue, the proposal has far too many loopholes to protect public health.

1. DEP must include the dozens of PFAS chemicals currently being excluded by this proposal, including PFNA, PFHxA, PFHxS, PFHpA and PFBS.
2. Allowable pollution levels in the current proposal are far too high to protect public health. No level of PFAS exposure is safe. DEP should set maximum levels below 6ppt for both PFOS and PFOA.
3. DEP must close its exemption for private well water, which would leave 3.5 million Pennsylvanians at risk of contamination from "forever chemicals."
4. DEP must require wells and water companies to test yearly for forever chemicals. If a water system tests positive for PFAS, they should be required to test monthly until contamination levels drop.

This is a very serious issue that needs stronger action now! DEP should do their best to protect public health from these dangerous and persistent chemicals, and clearly what is being proposed is NOT the best.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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