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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:

I'm glad that the DEP is considering new rules that would finally set maximum limits on two of the most common types of PFAS chemicals in public drinking water supplies. However, I believe the current proposal doesn't go nearly far enough, with studies showing the proposed new levels are still dangerous to human health. Additionally, dozens of harmful PFAS chemicals would be excluded from the rule, leaving Pennsylvania communities vulnerable to ongoing drinking water contamination.

I would like to see the proposal cover private systems, too, which are predominant in low-income, rural areas.

PFAS have been associated with developmental, immune, liver, and endocrine issues. They are also associated with increases in cholesterol, liver enzymes, and uric acid levels — as well as a decreased antibody response following vaccinations. These chemicals are persistent in the human body and throughout the environment. I understand that the risks are not fully understood, but we know enough to tell that these are dangerous chemicals.

I urge you to strengthen these standards to provide strict limits to all harmful PFAS chemicals

and regular testing to all water systems, no matter the size or whether public or private.  
Thank you for considering my input.

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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