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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:

RE: Strength the Safe Drinking Water PFAS MCL Rule (#7-569)

Dear ,

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.

5. The health risks from these chemicals have been sufficiently understood since the 1970's to justify stopping their use. The companies manufacturing and selling these chemicals have been actively hiding the information concerning these serious health risks since the 1990's. This is one more deplorable example of a group of Big Businesses putting PROFIT OVER PUBLIC HEALTH - intentionally causing illness to maintain profits. Those responsible should be prosecuted and held responsible, including financial reparations, fines, and jail time if appropriate. As the co-owner of 3 businesses, we face choices routinely in which we have to choose whether to do the right thing, or the most profitable thing. We try our best to choose the right thing at each of those crossroads. I find the behavior of the companies producing halogenated hydrocarbons, above, utterly reprehensible.

Sincerely,

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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