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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 am very concerned about highly toxic PFAS in our drinking water. I strongly support the removal of PFOA and PFOS from my water and urge the EQB to adopt maximum contaminant levels (MCLs).

The EQB must move much faster than is proposed in the rulemaking to implement MCLs. PFOA and PFOS are highly toxic in tiny doses, build up in the body, are difficult to excrete, and are linked to serious adverse health conditions. The effects of PFOA and PFOS are documented in the proposed rulemaking, verified by health studies and data, and have been thoroughly analyzed in scientific literature. These compounds should have been removed from drinking water years ago. Further delay by the Commonwealth is a dereliction of its duties.

I urge the EQB to adopt MCLs for PFOA and PFOS that are the most protective of human health, especially for children and fetuses, who are extremely vulnerable to their effects. I support the complete removal of these compounds to non-detect or at least as low as 1ppt up to 6ppt for PFOA and no more than 5ppt for PFOS. These standards are based on toxicological risk assessments calculated to protect infants and young children.

In addition, I urge the EQB to adopt MCLs for more PFAS compounds. All PFAS that have been

found in Pennsylvania through sampling should be included due to the threat of adverse health effects from these compounds. These contaminants don't belong in our water and they expose us to severe health risks. Clean water is my constitutional right in PA.

All water supplies, including private water wells, seeps, and springs, must be included in the rulemaking. About a third of Pennsylvanians are blocked from safe drinking water by being excluded from these MCLs. Individual water wells have shown even higher levels of some PFAS than public water systems. There should be equal protection for all Pennsylvanians.

I support the robust and thorough sampling of drinking water throughout the Commonwealth. All public water systems included in the rulemaking should be required to start sampling immediately and no waivers should be permitted. The proposed frequency of sampling is too lax to be effective; regular annual sampling of all water systems (quarterly if PFAS were detected below the MCL) and monthly sampling of systems where PFAS have been detected above the MCLs should be the standard.

Thank you for taking this crucial step towards protecting Pennsylvanians from highly toxic PFOA and PFOS. If you follow the suggestions outlined above, you will establish Pennsylvania as a national leader in water quality protection and will be fulfilling your statutory and constitutional responsibilities to provide safe, pure water to all Pennsylvanians.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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