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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:

Dear PA Environmental Quality Board,

I support the removal of PFOA and PFOS from Pennsylvania drinking water and urge the EQB to act quickly and to adopt maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). These compounds should have been removed from drinking water years ago as science has repeatedly linked these compounds to serious health impacts.

The delayed timing to implement the MCLs is unacceptable as existing levels of PFOA and PFOS in some sources of drinking water are already negatively impacting public health.

I urge the EQB to adopt MCLs for PFOA and PFOS that are the most protective of human health, including children and the fetus, who are extremely vulnerable to the effects of PFOA and PFOS. 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. I base these standards on toxicological risk assessments that are calculated to protect infants and young children.

I urge the EQB to adopt MCLs for more PFAS compounds. All PFAS that have been found in Pennsylvania through sampling should be included because of the threat of adverse health effects from these compounds. These contaminants don't belong in my water, they expose us to severe health risks, and clean water is my constitutional right.

I support that all water supplies, including private water wells, seeps, and springs, be included in the rulemaking. About one third of Pennsylvanians are excluded from safe drinking water by being excluded from these MCLs. We know that individual water wells have shown even higher levels of some PFAS than public water systems. I want equal protection for all Pennsylvanians.

I support 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, no waivers should be allowed, and the proposed frequency of sampling is too lax to be effective. I want 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.

Thank you for taking this monumental step towards protecting Pennsylvanians from highly toxic PFOA and PFOS. If you move much more quickly, expand to include more PFAS compounds, include private as well as all public water systems, provide robust and ongoing sampling requirements, and adopt the most protective MCLs based on the toxic effects of PFOA and PFOS on our youngest children, 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.

Sincerely,

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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