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The Environmental Quality Board has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards (#7-577).

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Comments entered:

I was disappointed to learn that the department has chosen to continue to include the "pollution exemption" for the Philadelphia section of the Delaware River in your 3-year triennial review proposal. It's time to eliminate this polluter loophole once and for all and give this section of the river the same primary contact water quality standards that exist for the rest of the Delaware River. Philadelphians should be able to have a clean stretch of the Delaware River like all the people living along the other 300 miles of this waterway. The communities most impacted by the continued presence of these polluter chemicals are already economically disadvantaged and marginalized. To preserve this loophole is a true example of environmental injustice. Please eliminate this loophole, not only to improve the health of nearby communities, but to improve the environmental health of our entire region.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Ezra Thrush

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