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

I urge the EQB to move much more quickly than is proposed in the rulemaking to implement MCLs. PFOA and PFOS are highly toxic in tiny doses, build up in the human body, are difficult to excrete, and are linked to serious adverse health conditions, including cancers. The health effects of PFOA and PFOS are documented in the proposed rulemaking, verified by health studies and data, and thoroughly analyzed in scientific literature. These compounds should have been removed from drinking water years ago, further delay by the Commonwealth is an abrogation of its duties.

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 Pennsylvanian 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.

Hello, we are seventh grade students from Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield New Jersey. We have created a policy to help the issue of unsafe drinking water in New Jersey. Please support our policy by signing our petition to help protect everyone in the state of New Jersey from dangerous chemicals in their water. Our policy is (YPSWI) The Yearly Public School Water Inspection. This policy insures that all public schools will have clean water, and a water test would be conducted annually. Some disadvantages are that it would cost a lot of money, and this policy is only regulated for public schools and tax-supported charter schools in the state in New Jersey. The advantages are that it would protect students from harmful chemicals at schools, no matter what the town's financial stance is. The level of government responsible for carrying out this law is State government. State government is responsible because it is supporting all of the tax-funded schools in New Jersey. We would ask Senators to represent New Jersey and propose this policy in the state Senate. If that law gets passed through the General Assembly and gets to the Governor and he signs it into law, it would then be up to ; Commissioner of Education; and ; Commissioner of Natural resources; to enforce this policy in the state. As said in the New Jersey Constitution, "All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for the protection, security, and benefit of the people, and they have the right at all times to alter or reform the same, whenever the public good may require it." Everyone should be entitled to the benefit of clean drinking water and it is up to our government to protect this natural resource. Clean drinking water is something that the public needs.

A federal administration aide said in an email that releasing a water contamination report would cause a "public relations nightmare." So they buried it.

Sincerely,

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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