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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 DEP Regulatory Comments,

Please support stronger Safe Drinking Water Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) rules.

It is critical that Pennsylvania adopt strong drinking water safeguards for these harmful compounds.

The DEP should propose standards for at least four additional compounds:

1. Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA),
2. Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS),
3. Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA), and
4. Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS).

The Drexel group, engaged by the DEP, found that these compounds also are harmful to human health. The DEP identified these compounds in drinking water at levels higher than health-based goals developed by that group.

So, why is DEP is incorrectly assuming that regulating only two PFAS compounds would provide

sufficient protection against the others? Also, the US EPA, the CDC, and state agencies found that the effect of these compounds is additive, making the need to limit their concentrations even more critical.

A committee of medical and environmental experts was engaged by the DEP (the Drexel PFAS Advisory Group) to develop a set of maximum contaminant level goals for a number of PFAS compounds in drinking water. These reflect the potential of the compounds to harm people, in particular children.

Yet, the proposed rule would propose standards for only two compounds in drinking water: Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS).

I strongly support the DEP taking action to regulate PFAS compounds in Pennsylvania drinking water, and urge the DEP to add new standards to the proposed rule for at least four additional compounds.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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