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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,

I am writing to 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: Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS), Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA), and Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS). The Drexel group, which was engaged by the DEP, found that these compounds are also harmful to human health. The DEP has identified these compounds in drinking water at levels higher than health-based goals developed by that group. Still, the DEP is incorrectly assuming that regulating only two PFAS compounds would provide sufficient protection against the others. Also, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and state agencies have found that the effect of these compounds is additive, making the need to limit their concentrations even more critical.

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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