



Pennsylvania  
Department of  
Environmental Protection



April 8, 2026

David Sumner  
Executive Director  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Proposed Rulemaking: Notification Requirements for  
Unauthorized Discharges to Waters of the Commonwealth (#7-587)

Dear Mr. Sumner:

On November 12, 2024, the Environmental Quality Board (Board) adopted the “Notification Requirements for Unauthorized Discharges to Waters of the Commonwealth” proposed rulemaking. This proposal was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on April 5, 2025, for a 60-day public comment period. See [55 Pa.B. 2589](#). In addition, a public hearing was held on May 15, 2025.

Considering the competing perspectives from a diverse group of commentators, the Department of Environmental Protection believes that guidance, rather than a regulatory revision, is a better tool for providing increased clarity and basis for consistency on this topic.

Therefore, with this letter, the Board is withdrawing this proposed rulemaking from the regulatory review process.

Please contact me by e-mail at [laurcampbe@pa.gov](mailto:laurcampbe@pa.gov) or by telephone at 717.772.5830 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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