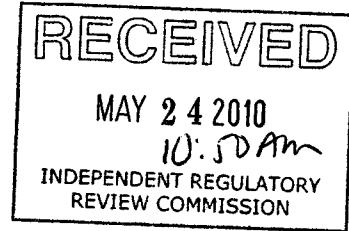


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Sent: Friday, May 21, 2010 10:05 PM
To: IRRRC
Subject: Please support strong regulations to protect drinking water

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission PA

Dear Review Commission,



Please vote to support regulations that reduce the risk that total dissolved solids (TDS) pose to our rivers and streams. Pennsylvania's rivers and streams provide billions of dollars of direct and indirect economic benefit to the Commonwealth's families, farms, and industries.

Total dissolved solids have already polluted drinking water and led to massive fish kills. We need these rules in place to control the significant new source of TDS pollution from gas drilling wastewater.

This Thursday, even as Tony Ventello testified to the GOP Policy Committee about the unprecedented profitability of the Marcellus play, industry representatives whined about the new standards. My sense was that the legislators present were all more than willing to gut the new standards for the gas industry's convenience. These companies are making money hand over fist - they can well afford to spend the money to properly dispose of their wastes - even if that involves building distillation plants. Do not let them turn our rivers into their sewers.

Protect our environment not polluters' profits.

I fully support DEP's efforts to establish effluent standards for new sources of wastewaters containing high concentrations of total dissolved solids and urge the DEP to go even further in protecting our waterways.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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