

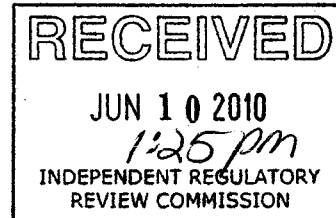


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Kim Kauffman, Executive Director
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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Dear Executive Director Kauffman:

The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania submits the following comments for consideration by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission at the June 17, 2010 meeting.

We urge your prompt approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's proposed **Chapter 95 Revisions for Wastewater Treatment**. Given the ongoing threats to water quality in Pennsylvania's rivers and streams, it is imperative that there be no delay in implementing these standards.

Recent accidents across our Commonwealth, as well as the legacy of our coal and timber industries, have proven that failure to regulate in the present will cost taxpayers dearly in the future. Low standards encourage importation of wastewater from other states that further increases the amount of total dissolved solids (TDS) emissions into our waterways.

Although we understand the importance of the economic and fiscal impact of your decisions, we believe it is imperative that the health, safety, and welfare of Pennsylvania citizens should be the highest priority in your decision-making.

We appreciate your consideration of our testimony on the proposed standards and our support for these revisions that are vital to our wellbeing as well as that of generations yet to come.

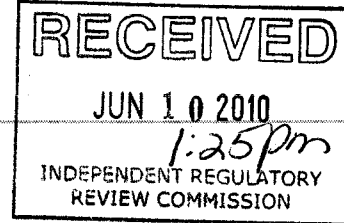
Sincerely,

Olivia Thorne
President

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Executive Director Kaufman, please share the attached comments of the League of Women Voters with IRRC prior to its June 17, 2010 meeting. If you have questions or need clarification, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

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