

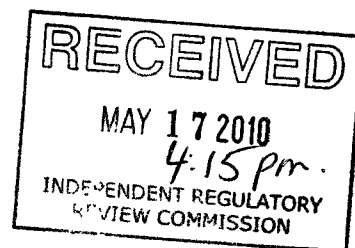
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**From:** joel.gehman@gmail.com on behalf of Joel Gehman [joel@gehmans.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 2:29 PM  
**To:** IRRC  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please support strong regulations to protect drinking water

Hello,

I am writing to request that you take action on the reforms to drinking water regulations as described below.

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**From:** Cooper, Donna <doncooper@state.pa.us>  
**Date:** Mon, May 17, 2010 at 10:01 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Please support strong regulations to protect drinking water  
**To:** Joel Gehman <joel@gehmans.net>

Thank you for sharing your views with me. This Governor supports the promulgation of this final form regulation. In addition to the Environmental Quality Board's approval, this regulation must also be acted on by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission. I urge you to let the members of the IRRC know your position on this regulation by emailing them at [IRRC@irrc.state.pa.us](mailto:IRRC@irrc.state.pa.us)

Donna Cooper  
Secretary of Policy

-----Original Message-----

**From:** PennFuture [mailto:[pennfuture@pennfuture.org](mailto:pennfuture@pennfuture.org)] On Behalf Of Joel Gehman  
**Sent:** Friday, May 14, 2010 10:32 PM  
**To:** Cooper, Donna  
**Subject:** Please support strong regulations to protect drinking water

May 14, 2010

Secretary Donna Cooper

Dear Secretary Cooper,

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.

Delay will threaten the state's ability to get the rules in place so that we can safely develop the valuable gas resource. Please vote to approve the TDS rule on Monday.

- Over the next several years, dramatically increased development of the natural gas-bearing shales in Pennsylvania threatens to exacerbate this problem in rivers and streams throughout the state.

- In late 2008, high TDS levels in the waters of the Monongahela River south of Pittsburgh threatened to shut down industries that are dependent on the River's fresh water for their operations, and made household water undrinkable for approximately 330,000 people in the southwestern part of the state.

- In August and September 2009, the discharge of high-TDS wastewater into Dunkard Creek, a tributary of the Mon located mostly in Greene County, from coal mines in West Virginia and Pennsylvania wiped out virtually all aquatic life in that stream.

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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