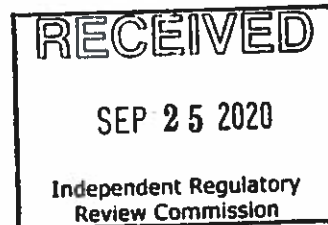


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**The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Water Quality Standards for Manganese and Implementation (#7-553).**

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Re: Environmental Quality Board Proposed Rulemaking amending 25 Pa. Code Chapters 93 and 96 - Water Quality Standard for Manganese and Implementation

I respectively submit my concerns on the Environmental Quality Board Proposed Rulemaking amending 25 Pa. Code Chapters 93 and 96 - Water Quality Standard for Manganese and Implementation.

I fully support the reduction of manganese levels from 1.0 mg/l to 0.3 mg/l to better protect the health of citizens of the Commonwealth and that of fish and other aquatic life in our surface waters.

I concur with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council in my support of "maintaining the current point of compliance for manganese to all surface waters (that is, at the point of discharge). The alternative would be to allow the unregulated discharge of manganese in Commonwealth waters after the point of discharge until it reaches a public water supply intake."

Unregulated discharge of manganese is the responsibility of the generator of that pollution and

not the public or other downstream users. Not only would shifting the point of compliance contaminate Pennsylvania waters but it would shift costs to those downstream, to public water suppliers and thus to consumers. Whether it be agricultural, municipal, or industrial water supplies, recreational uses, or the web of aquatic life in these waters, all would benefit from maintaining the current point of compliance.

And, it is my understanding, again from PEC, that these points [reduction in manganese levels and maintaining point of compliance at discharge] are "consistent with the statutory obligations of the Department of Environmental Protection and Environmental Quality Board under Pennsylvania's Clean Streams Law, Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Federal Clean Water Act."

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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