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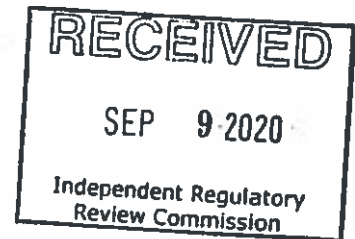


Re: eComment System

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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Comments entered:

Greenville Water Authority (GWA) owns and operates a surface water treatment plant in Mercer County. GWA also has a NPDES permit to discharge treated filter backwash into the Shenango River. GWA does not support reducing the manganese limit from 1 mg/L to 0.3 mg/L for all dischargers. It is unlikely the GWA would be able to meet this limit without significant plant upgrades. These upgrades would not impact or improve the finished water quality for its customers. Reducing the manganese discharge levels from the plant to 0.3 mg/L would likely have no impact on manganese levels in the Shenango River given the minimal discharge quantity relative to the river's flow rate. There is no benefit to justify the cost burden to GWA's customers. Discharge limits should be based on actual water quality impacts on receiving streams.

GWA supports maintaining the current point of compliance for manganese, in all surface waters (that is near the point of discharge), as stated in § 96.3 (c).

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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