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The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Dam Safety and Waterway Management (#7-556).

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Comments entered:

Dear PA Environmental Quality Board,

I urge the Department of Environmental Protection to fully consider its mission to public health and the environment before finalizing its proposed revisions to Chapter 105, governing dams, water obstructions, and encroachments into aquatic resources.

The Department should reconsider its proposal to require a company seeking a permit for an industry activity, such as a pipeline construction, that crosses multiple counties to submit only one application, rather than needing to go to each county the activity touches. Requiring a single permit would have the effect of lessening residents' ability to learn about potentially damaging projects and hence, resident's ability. to voice their concerns about the project.

The Department should be revising these regulations to better protect our wetlands and waterways and to increase industries' responsibility to avoid actions that damage our water resources. However, the Department instead is facilitating the process by which industries obtain permits or evade the permitting process altogether by expanding the number of activities eligible for a waiver out of the permitting process. Because some Pennsylvania bodies of water are so important or threatened, no waivers should be allowed for activities in these waterways, no

matter how small the stream size. The Department should reduce, not expand, the number of waivers granted and should not allow any waivers for activities impacting EV, HQ, Class A, wild trout, or already impaired streams.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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