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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:

I am grateful the PA DEP is updating regulations for the 21st Century with the Climate Change causing catastrophic storms and flooding that will continue to worsen if we don't improve past practices and not be timid against corporations, especially the most polluting of all, greater than carbon dioxide, the fracked methane gas business in our state! I can't believe they are being allowed to freeze it and release all those poisons into our air North of Scranton in a small town where pregnant women may end up with fetal anomalies as a result and the elders will die sooner, children will likely develop asthma...if this is allowed! It is paramount that we take bold significant steps for improvements NOW to protect our invaluable waterways which is of paramount importance now more than ever! Pennsylvania is the 39th worst environmental polluting state out of our 50! Our pollution is causing increased health care costs and earlier deaths than most of the other states! I certainly hope our DEP is forward thinking in their planning by doing everything to protect our waterways from any more encroachment and not allowing Dams to be built with floods as never seen on the rise. Houston made that mistake with poor planning for the big picture and suffered catastrophic floods by not respecting and protecting their wetlands. Make us better than 39th with your revised regulations. Please do not allow any pipelines, buildings, or infrastructure near our wetlands and waterways. They must be kept out of these sensitive wetlands at all costs! Think about all of our lives and not make us collateral damage for corporations. Protect us against such harmful businesses. Make your

decisions based on the people and not corporate profits. We should be creating green jobs not keep on the death spiral with fossil fuel leading the way. It's time for PA to get ahead of the curve and move up from 39th with your help. Thanking you in advance for your wise decisions to protect the people and not the polluters.

Hopefully soon to be grateful for your decisions,
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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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