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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,

It surely sounds like the DPA is sending a message to companies planning to extend projects into waterways, wetlands, dams and other aquatic resources so much easier by weakening Chapter 105.

I understand that the DPA's proposal for this ruling will require only one application to be filed to cover multiple counties. This will surely make it impossible for local communities to learn what is planned and have any input. Such actions by corporations are known to bypass such local concerns when it is a disadvantage to their plan.

The Department should also be revising these regulations to protect our wetlands and waterways and make it harder for industry to negatively impact them. Instead, the Department is making it easier for industry to get 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, there should be no waivers allowed for activities in these waterways, no matter how small the stream size which may

increase in size with flooding.

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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