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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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I'm writing to comment on how dangerous I think these proposed changes are. I'm afraid these changes would make it easier for harmful projects to get permits and be allowed to be built.

There are several main areas that concern me as an environmentalist. First: I don't understand why we would allow multi-county projects to only need one permit. I think the existing permitting process already too easily allows projects, like the Mariner East 2 Pipeline project, to get through with little to no community participation. I fear that breaking down the permit process will further separate communities from a permitting process that they deserve to be involved in.

Second, I'm confused as to why the Department of *Environmental* Protection admitted themselves that they specifically consulted with the industry, like the Chamber of Commerce, rather than consulting with environmentalists and groups that focus on protecting our waterways.

Third, we should be making it MORE difficult for companies to pollute our waterways, not easier. I understand the need to streamline processes and lessen the burden of the DEP staffers, but

this not the way. I will continue fighting for the full funding of DEP, but not if they continue to make it easier for industries to pollute our precious environment. People over polluters.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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