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#### The Environmental Quality Board has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards (#7-577).

##### Commenter Information:

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##### Comments entered:

My name is Anna Kamstra. I am a resident of the Upper Roxborough community, located on a long, elevated ridge between the Wissahickon Creek and the Schuylkill River. I have always felt strongly connected to the parks and water courses in my area and appreciate all that they offer, including a retreat from the stressors of life. Most importantly though, the water courses in my regions nourish our lands in every sense of the word. The impact of a great river like the Delaware from the meeting of its east and west branches to its final convergence with the bay, it is a vital presence in four states. It is considered one of the great rivers of the Northeast, and its health impacts all of us.

I live in an older home in a neighborhood that is not serviced by municipal sewer and must be very careful about what goes down the drains. I forbear from using any caustic cleaning agents, and compost daily. By extension, I care deeply about the presence of sewage and other forms of biological pollution flowing into water courses, from major rivers to creeks and secondary streams. Wildlife, vegetation, insects, aquatic creatures, agriculture, air quality, recreation - all are affected. All are interconnected and depend on us to maintain a baseline of water quality for survival and success.

The 27-mile of the Delaware River flowing past our great city of Philadelphia is the only section of its entire run that does not enjoy the same protective standards. Please, reconsider this decision to weaken regulations governing minimum standards of sewage presence in our waters! There is so much riding on it, now and in the future which it is our responsibility to safeguard.

I am grateful for the chance to communicate with decision makers at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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