Water Resources Advisory Committee

to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 2063
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January 19, 2012

Michael Krancer Secretary Department of Environmental Protection Rachel Carson State Office Building 400 Market St. P.O. Box 2063 Harrisburg, PA, 17105-2063

Re: Chapter 93, Triennial Review Proposed Rulemaking

Dear Secretary Krancer:

On January 11, 2012, the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) discussed the proposed rulemaking to amend the existing Water Quality Standards requirements in 25 *Pa. Code* Chapter 93. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff have met with WRAC on several occasions throughout 2011 to discuss the parameters for inclusion or revision in the rulemaking.

By a majority vote of 8-2 with one abstention, WRAC passed the following motion in support of moving the rulemaking package forward to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB).

WRAC appreciates all of the hard work and effort that DEP has devoted to the Triennial Review process, and we appreciate all of the communications and information exchanges that have occurred to date. WRAC recommends that the Triennial Review package be forwarded to the EQB for further action. WRAC also recommends that the criteria for Molybdenum and Sulfate2 continue to be evaluated, and WRAC is interested in and willing to participate in that evaluation.

In addition to the motion in support of the rulemaking package, WRAC by a vote of 10-0 with one abstention passed the following motion with relation to Bromides.

WRAC urges DEP to develop bromide water quality standards and report back to WRAC on the progress.

WRAC would like to thank the Office of Water Management for providing regular updates on water issues, policies and regulations. We look forward to further discussions. If there are any questions of WRAC's action on January 11, 2012, please contact me by e-mail at

robert.traver@villanova.edu or by telephone at 610.519.7899, or contact Duke Adams, Liaison to WRAC, by e-mail at ranadams@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.783.7404.

Sincerely,

Robert Traver

Chair

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