

Public Comment submission this February 4, 2025 to the PADEP concerning the proposed Consent Agreement with PSU and DEP concerning PFAS contaminants from the State College Regional Airport.

Firstly, as a PFAS groundwater contaminant plume has been attributed to PSU as a Responsible Person and subsequent sampling identified that the plume had impacted not only businesses along the industrial park on High Tech Road, but also residential water supply wells located mainly south of the SCRA, and the HSCP provided an alternative water supply, first in the form of bottled water, and then Point of Entry Treatment Systems (POETs) to any residences within the investigation area having detections above relevant State and Federal groundwater standards for PFAS, it must be incumbent on PSU to remedy the PFAS contamination of drinking water supplies in a permanent manner by the installation and maintenance of a potable and safe public water supply.

POET systems, although effective in the removal of PFAS when properly maintained, do not provide a satisfactory final remedy due to the necessity of professional maintenance and monitoring. It is not appropriate to slough off responsibility and obligations for PFAS remediation on businesses and home owners impacted by the spreading PFAS plume.

Therefore the Sierra Club Moshannon Group requests that any reference to POET systems as a potential final remedy must be removed from the Consent Agreement.

Secondly, as PFAS has been detected in water supply wells outside of the established investigatory area, PFAS remediation in water supplies as only within the current investigatory boundary must be modified to extend to any future plume boundary discovered in a more complete investigation.

Therefore the Sierra Club Moshannon Group requests that the limitation of remediation to within the current, limited investigatory area be removed from the COA or modified to include future discoveries of the PFAS plume's extent.

Thank you for this opportunity for public comment.