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Dear Ms. Carrow,

Thank you for the Citizens Advisory Council's July 3, 2007 letter, expressing the Council's (CAC) concerns and recommendation that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) take more time in changing and implementing changes to the 537 Pa Sewage Facilities Act promulgated rules and regulations as well as DEP policies and guidance.

Please be assured that DEP will allow for proper review and comment of any new or changed proposed rules, regulations and guidance. It should also be noted that DEP does not intend to implement changes to the regulations by the end of 2007 as mentioned in the letter, it will likely be sometime in late 2008. It may be possible that you are referring to several guidance documents related to the 537 program that are currently undergoing internal review.

We are also pleased that the CAC expresses a willingness to work with the Sewage Advisory Committee (SAC) in its efforts to solicit input from the broad range of stakeholders. We encourage that a CAC representative attend SAC meetings and provide comment through SAC to DEP.

If you need further discussion on this matter please contact Dana Aunkst, Bureau Director, Bureau of Water Standards and Facility Regulation or Ronald C. Fürlan, Manager, Division of Planning and Permitting within the Bureau, at 717-787-8184.

Sincerely,

Cathy Curran Myers Deputy Secretary for Water Management

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CC: Burt Waite, CAC, Chairperson Water Committee