

## Comment and Response Document

**Final Rulemaking;  
Designation of Areas as Unsuitable for Surface Mining  
Muddy Run Watershed, Reade Township, Cambria County  
25 Pa. Code Chapter 86  
40 Pa.B. 2425 (May 8, 2010)  
Environmental Quality Board Regulation # 7-456**

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The Environmental Quality Board approved the proposed rulemaking at its March 16, 2010, meeting. The proposal was published for a 30-day public comment period in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on May 8, 2010, at 40 Pa.B. 2425. The following summarizes the comments received during the public comment period.

<b>ID</b>	<b>Name/Address</b>	<b>One Page Summary Submitted for Distribution to EQB</b>	<b>Provided Testimony</b>	<b>Requested Copy of Final Rulemaking after EQB Action</b>
1.	Mr. Elam M. Herr Assistant Executive Director PSATS 4855 Woodland Drive Enola, PA 17025-1291			

**Comment:** There is no direct impact or cost to the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) members. PSATS would like to support this rulemaking because of the potential detrimental effects on those municipalities within the watershed that rely on ground water for human consumption. Should the ground water become contaminated by potential mining activities, the Reade Township Municipal Authority would have to remedy the problem at substantial cost to customers of the water system. (1)

**Response:** The Department's UFM technical study addresses probable impacts to the Reade Township Municipal Authority (RTMA) public water supply well field, as well as to private water supply springs and wells. The responsibilities of mine operators to replace water supplies that are impacted is clearly outlined in the Surface Mining Regulations 25 Pa. Code § 87.119. Hydrologic balance: water rights and replacement.