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Dear Secretary McDonnell and DEP Waste Management Staff,

The March 20, 2021 issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin lists 64 general permit applications for renewal and modified or new coverage under WMGR123. The notice indicates that the public has 60 days to comment on the applications. This announcement follows, in part, from an [agreement](#) reached with the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) and other organizations after they cited your agency's previous approval of 49 permits without proper public notice. Nine additional permits appear on the list, which brings the total number of applications to 58. The additional applications are modifications of applications already on the list.

Thirty-one renewal, modified, or new applications pertain to facilities that span 12 counties, seven with no advocacy groups on the ground. Twenty-two of the applications are for facilities in those counties. In the other five counties, organizing is done by grassroots advocacy groups with no or very limited resources. It takes considerable grassroots organizing just to inform people of the applications and comment period before any review of the applications can even commence.

Thanks to the work of advocacy groups, you have provided public notice of the applications. If the public participation process is to be a fair one, your agency needs to recognize the public is a diverse group with differing degrees of access to information and advocacy. We, the undersigned, call on you to extend the comment period for the permits referenced above to 120 days.

Respectfully,

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