

RESOLUTION NO. 226

**TITLE: OPPOSITION TO THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE WATERSHED RULES AND REGULATIONS
WATERSHED AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has released proposed amendments to the New York City Watershed Rules and Regulations (WR&R); and

WHEREAS, the DEP has announced its intention to commence the public comment process;
and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors believes that the proposed amendments will increase costs to the local residents of the watershed without any additional funding to address those cost increases; and

WHEREAS, the DEP has not demonstrated a technical justification of the proposed changes and has not issued or released information on the cost to comply with these amendments; and

WHEREAS, the DEP has not identified the water quality benefits that would result from such proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, New York City is attempting to shift the cost of avoiding filtration of its water supply to some of the poorest communities within New York State.

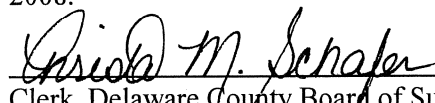
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors respectfully submits its formal objection to the adoption of the proposed amendments to the WR&R as currently proposed since the DEP has neither demonstrated a need for these proposed changes nor identified the water quality benefits that would result from such proposed amendments or made arrangement for funding the incremental costs arising therefrom,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to Roger Sokol of the New York State Department of Health and Melissa Siegel of the NYCDEP.

State of New York
County of Delaware

I, Christa M. Schafer, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Delaware County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on the 25th day of November 2008 and the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Board at Delhi, New York, this 26th day of November 2008.


Clerk, Delaware County Board of Supervisors