

## NJ State NAACP, Local Branch # 2089

The NAACP NJ State Conference Local Branch 2089 objects strongly to the amendments to the rules of practice and procedure that the DRWC wishes to make. These changes severely restrict the input that the public is allowed to make in the Commission's decision making. As a consequence, important matters related to watershed management bearing on the health and wellbeing of NJ residents are not given a full review. This is contrary to the intent of having a public commission required to take public input. It concentrates decision making in too few hands, opening the potential for abuse of the Commission's authority, and is utterly contrary to the spirit of transparency that is necessary for government bodies and informed citizens to work together for the greater good. Other changes to the Commissions' modus operandi may be needed at this time. The ones currently proposed are absolutely NOT those changes and must NOT be adopted!