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According to a recent article in the Pottsville Republican Herald, plans are being made to fix the mine water drainage problem that has plagued the borough of Palo Alto, Schuylkill County for years.

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The primary concern is and should be for the health and safety of the borough residents and the prevention of further damage to their property. The proposal would include the construction of a pipeline to gather and discharge mine water into the Schuylkill River.

I am concerned that there has been no mention of the impact to the river by this discharge of water. There was also no mention of any proposed water treatment based on the quality of the mine water. There has been much progress made by the many individuals and organizations involved in water treatment and habitat improvement projects in recent years in the head waters of the river system. This spirit of environmental stewardship must continue in an effort to restore the river for the enjoyment of future generations.