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From: Neil Bhaerman [nbhaerman@cleanwater.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2006 10:30 AM
To: EP, RegComments
Subject: Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program

Dear EQB:

I am writing to voice my full support for the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program, and to urge that it be implemented as quickly as possible.

Cars and trucks are a significant source of air pollution, contributing approximately one third of the region's smog-forming emissions. The Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program would reduce pollution from vehicles more quickly and thoroughly than weaker federal standards. These pollution reductions are crucial for improving air quality and protecting public health in the state.

Thirty-seven counties across Pennsylvania still do not meet the federal government's basic air quality standards. The Scranton metro area has recently been ranked the nation's worst for people living with asthma, and other major cities in the state have also been rated very poorly by asthma experts. To put the matter simply: Pennsylvanians have already waited too long for clean, healthful air.

The state should have implemented the Clean Vehicles Program already. I urge the Department of Environmental Protection to move forward getting the program up-and-running as soon as it can.

Sincerely,

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