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Subject: Proposed Rulemaking - Diesel Vehicle Idling; and Auxiliary Power Systems (#7-422)

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Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Diesel Vehicle Idling; and Auxiliary Power Systems (#7-422)

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) has received the following comments regarding the above-referenced proposed rulemaking.

Commentor Information:

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I am writing to support the Environmental Quality Board's proposed Diesel Vehicle Idling rulemaking in January 12, 2008 Pennsylvania Belletin. As a resident of Carlisle, I breathe some of the worst air in the Commonwealth on a daily basis. We are the center of a transportation hub and trucking industry along the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Interstate 81. As a result , approximately 22,400 trucks travel through the region daily with at least 10% stopping at local truck stops, warehouses, and distribution centers. Therefore, the Carlisle region is exposed to the diesel emissions of thousands of trucks passing through the area as well as the emissions of many idling vehicles that stop for extended periods of time. Our ares is exposed to fine particulates that inflict great harm to its citizens on a daily basis. Long-term effects of this exposure include lung damage, increased risk of stroke and premature death. Furthermore, studies have conclusively found that particulate matter and other toxic emissions from diesel exhaust cause cancer. Here in Cumberland County, the projected average lifetime diesel soot cancer risk is 1 in 2,546; almost 400 times greater than the EPA's acceptable cancer level. In addition, to decreasing harm to Commonwealth citizens, reducing idling will also contribute the country's dependence on foreign oil imports. Since technology already exists to reduce idling and reducing idling saves fuel, the proposed regulation will not be a burden to trucking companies. I believe the risks and hazards to the citizens of the Commonwealth, particularly the elderly and children, far outweigh any potential costs to the trucking industry. Therefore, I urge the Environmental Quality Board to adopt the regulations as proposed. Thank you.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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