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

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION**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.**

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I am so pleased to see that progress is being made in this state re: emissions. I have gone to my township supervisor's meetings re: this same issue. We live right behind the new Meadowlands Casino in North Strabne Township in Washington County which opened last year. Most of the homes are within 1/4 mile of the casino. Trucks and busses come and park and idle for hours on end. I have requested signs be posted to not allow idling to no avail. I have spoken to a bus driver who left his bus idle. When I questioned him about it, he said they had to idle at least 30-60 minutes just to cool the bus down in the summer and warm up in the winter. This should not be allowed. When they built the casino, they placed it in such a position that it is surrounded on two sides by homes. (Over 700 and growing). These fumes from these vehicles just go up into the air and we have to stay inside our homes in the summer so we don't have to breath them in. When the wind blows, it usually blows right up into the planned residential development. There are loads of children in these homes and I have been concerned about their health as well as those who have pulmonary problems. On top of that, when I went from door to door getting a petition signed re: this matter, two home owners told me (on two different streets) that they also have to breath the cigarette smoke that is vented out of the casino. And this does not even take into account the fumes of all the cars that go in and out of the parking lot 24/7. Please continue to press forward on forcing the issue of the non-idling law. It is long overdue. Thank you.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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