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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Environmental Quality Board  
P.O. Box 8477  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear members of the Environmental Quality Board:

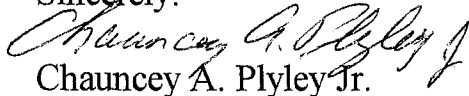
I am writing to support the regulations to limit the amount of idling by diesel trucks and buses. Not only does diesel idling waste fuel, it harms the health of drivers, workers, and residents of our community. Modern technology can control diesel emissions and avoid the need to run large diesel engines only for heating and cooling.

The American Lung Association lists Harrisburg-Carlisle-Lebanon area as No. 14 in the nation among metropolitan area "most polluted by short term particle pollution. Ozone and fine particulate matter are pollutants that can cause or exacerbate breathing problems, especially in people with pre-existing respiratory conditions such as asthma, bronchitis and emphysema.

The new regulation advocated by the Clean Air Board of Central Pennsylvania would limit the amount of time a diesel-powered commercial motor vehicle can idle its engine to no more than five minutes in a 60-minute period.

Therefore, we ask that you vote for the regulation to improve our air quality and reduce diesel idling.

Sincerely:

  
Chauncey A. Plyley Jr.

✓ C.C. Clean Air Board of Central Pennsylvania