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

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY

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 strongly urge you to improve air quality in Pennsylvania by approving the proposed Diesel Vehicle Idling and Auxiliary Power Systems amendments to 25 PA Code Chapters 121 and 126. Fine particulates from diesel engines trigger asthma attacks and heart attacks, and can lead to cancer and premature death in the long run. When implemented, this rule will prevent approximately 30 tons of dangerous particulate pollution from entering our air. This rule will also build upon local anti-idling regulations in Philadelphia and Allegheny Counties. In doing so, knowledge and compliance with the regulation will rise in these counties- both of which do not meet federal Clean Air Act PM2.5 standards. For the health of my community, I strongly urge you to approve the proposed rulemaking. I also urge the EQB and the PA Department of Environmental Protection to place a special emphasis on creating both a driver education program, and a comprehensive plan for enforcement. If it looks like pollution, it is pollution. And I can't watch the nasty black filth that comes out of school buses and trucks anymore. It disgusts me that we still aren't using the technology we discovered years ago to make our's and our children's lives healthier and happier. Thank you for your time. Please send any response to the address listed. Sincerely, Katie Conklin

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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