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Subject: Proposed Rulemaking - Diesel Vehicle Idling; and Auxiliary Power Systems (#7=#22) INT 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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Dear Board: I hope you will follow through and limit diesel engine idling in Penna. Diesel emissions can trigger asthma attacks, heart attacks, and cause cancer in the long run. This regulation will prevent over 30 tons of diesel particulates from entering Pennsylvania's air each year. Idling a diesel engine for 1 hour contributes 1 pound of CO2 to the air. Diesel idling costs drivers and trucking companies money. The EPA estimates that an idling heavy-duty vehicle consumes approximately 1 gallon of diesel fuel This is wasteful. Over 13,000 long-haul diesel trucks travel through Pennsylvania every day. Thank you.

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Please contact me if you have any questions. Sincerely, Michele L. Tate

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