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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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On behalf of the Borough of Carlisle (and as authorized by Carlisle Borough Council), I would like to express our support for regulations which place limits on the idling of diesel engines. Idling wastes fuel and increases the production of greenhouse gases. In addition, diesel emissions are connected with a number of respiratory illnesses. The proposed anti-idling legislation is consistent with EPA model rules. And, PA is the ONLY state in the northeast US that does not have an anti-idling rule. Many trucking companies have installed auxiliary power systems on their diesel vehicles to eliminate the need for running engines to heat or cool truck cabs. And, the 5/1/2010 sunset date for temperature-related exemptions currently provided in the regulations should allow sufficient time for all trucks to install the auxiliary power systems required to make temperature-related idling unnecessary. Moreover, electrified parking spaces are currently available statewide in PA and in all states adjacent to PA. Finally, with respect to school buses, we realize that there are situations where school buses may need to idle on public streets while picking up children. However, school buses should not be idling when they are picking up or dropping off students on school property.  
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Please contact me if you have any questions.  
Sincerely,  
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