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Subject: Proposed Rulemaking - Diesel Vehicle Idling; and Auxiliary Power Systems (#7-422)
NOTE - NO

Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Diesel Vehicle Idling; and Auxiliary Power Systems (#70422)

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) has received the following comments regarding the above-referenced proposed rulemaking.

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the statistics on the impact of idling and air quality do not need to be repeated--they jump out every time the topic is discussed and i am sure that you have been inundated with them time after time, living in a semi-rural area of the state, it is a sin that idling has been a significant factor in elevating us to one of the worse locations in the country for air quality, and our southcentral area is not the only one in the state to have such a dubious distinction, such a demeaning statistic for many major areas of PA means that employers do not want to come --new residents are reluctant to move -and the whole economy suffers, there are both very real health and economic consequences that can be mitigated with good public policy around idling. idiling controls have PROVEN to be effective in surrounding states. PA has no reason not to move forward with determination and strenght with these regulations. my only caveat would be that the regulations are only as good as the enforcement. i will be monitoring closely not only what passes but how they will be enacted through both state and local law enforcement. we need to have the strongest messages possible made to truckers and their employers, as well as truck stops, and, while not every idler can or will be sited and fined, not every drunk driver or speeder is caught violating the law either, that does not mean that tough public policy and standards for both were not effective in changing our culture around those two health issues. we enjoy safer roads thanks to laws impacting speeders and drunk driving--i firmly believe the same can happen with idling, thank you for your consideration and being open to stong regulations and their enforcement.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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