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**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.**

**Commentor Information:**

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Please look into the logic of these this proposed act. Requiring people to take a brief moment, one thought, and action, turn the key, to stop polluting our communities environment. There is no expense in whatever simple act is required to shut off an engine, yet the expense of inaction is unpardonable. 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. Thank you for your time. Please send any response to the address listed. Sincerely, Heath Hitchcock  
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Please contact me if you have any questions.  
Sincerely,  
Michele L. Tate  
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