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Subject: Proposed Rulemaking - Diesel Vehicle Idling; and Auxiliary Power Systems (#2,422) 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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The Pennsylvania Environmental Council is writing to support the proposed rulemaking, published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on January 12, 2008 [38 Pa.B. 229], that would amend Chapter 126 by establishing an idling restriction of 5 minutes in a 60-minute period for diesel-powered commercial motor vehicles and to regulate the use of diesel-powered auxiliary power systems for certain diesel-powered commercial motor vehicles. Long duration idling results in significant nitrogen oxide and volatile organic compound emissions, both of which contribute to ground-level ozone and fine particulate matter. These emissions constitute a health hazard; especially for those with existing breathing problems, children, and the elderly. The proposed rulemaking will reduce human exposure and help attain and maintain health-based air quality standards. In addition, the proposed rulemaking will reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, including nitrogen oxide and carbon dioxide. Pennsylvania is currently the third largest emitter of greenhouse gases in the United States, and accounts for approximately one percent of worldwide greenhouse gas emissions.

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

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