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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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IN RE: VOC EMISSION STANDARDS FOR LARGE APPLIANCE AND
METAL FURNITURE SURFACE COATING PROCESSES

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SPEAKER: STEPHEN HEPLER, Chair

LOCATION: PA Department of Environmental Protection
Southwest Regional Office
Waterfront Conference Room A and B
400 Waterfront Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745

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1:00 p.m.

WITNESSES: None Present

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OPENING REMARKS

By Stephen Hepler

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIR:

I would like to welcome you to the Environmental Quality Board's (EQB) public hearing on the proposed regulations concerning VOC --- that's capital V-O-C --- Emission Standards for Large Appliance and Metal Furniture Surface Coating Processes.

My name is Stephen Hepler. I am an Air Quality Program Specialist with the Department of Environmental Protection's Southwest Regional Office. I am representing the EQB at today's hearing. I officially call this hearing to order at one o'clock p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to formally accept testimony on the proposed regulations concerning VOC Emission Standards for Large Appliance and Metal Furniture Surface Coating Processes. In addition to this hearing, the EQB will hold hearings on the proposed regulations tomorrow, February 17, 2010, in Harrisburg, and on Thursday, February 18, 2010, in Norristown.

The proposed rulemaking, which was adopted by the EQB on November 17, 2009, amends 25 Pa

1 Code, Chapter 129 to limit emissions of volatile
2 organic compounds (VOCs) from the use and application
3 of coatings and cleaning materials in large appliance
4 and metal furniture surface coating processes.
5 Adoption of the VOC emission requirements in the
6 rulemaking is part of the Commonwealth's strategy, in
7 concert with other Ozone Transport Region (OTR)
8 jurisdictions, to further reduce the transport of VOC
9 ozone precursors and ground-level ozone throughout the
10 Ozone Transport Region and to attain and maintain the
11 eight-hour ozone national ambient air quality
12 standard.

13 Federal statutory or regulatory limits do
14 not exist for VOC emissions from large appliance and
15 metal furniture coating processes. However, the Clean
16 Air Act and its implementing regulations require that
17 State Implementation Plans (S-I-P-S, SIPS) or non-
18 attainment areas must include, quote, reasonably
19 available control measures, end quote, including,
20 quote, reasonable available control technology, end
21 quote, RACT for sources of emissions. The Clean Air
22 Act further requires that for moderate ozone non-
23 attainment areas, states must revise their SIP to
24 include RACT for sources of VOC emissions covered by a
25 Control Techniques Guideline (CTG) document issued by

1 the EPA prior to the area's date of attainment. The
2 Department has reviewed the recommendations included
3 in the EPA's 2007 Control Techniques Guidelines for
4 large appliance and metal furniture coatings and has
5 determined that the measures are appropriate to be
6 implemented in the Commonwealth as RACT in this
7 proposed rulemaking in order to reduce VOC emissions
8 from the use and application of coatings, cleaning
9 materials in large appliance and metal furniture
10 surface coating processes. The regulation, when
11 adopted by the Board as a final-form rulemaking, will
12 be submitted to the EPA as a revision to the SIP.

13 There are four large appliance surface
14 coating facilities and 16 metal furniture surface
15 coating facilities in the Commonwealth that
16 collectively emitted 68.5 tons of VOC in 2008 and may
17 be subject to the limitations included in the proposed
18 rulemaking. It is estimated that implementation of
19 the recommended control options in this rulemaking
20 will reduce VOC emissions in Pennsylvania by 23 tons
21 per year.

22 The Department discussed the rulemaking
23 with the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee over
24 the course of several meetings. On May 28, 2009, the
25 committee concurred with the Department's

1 recommendation to present the proposed amendments to
2 the Board for approval as a proposed rulemaking.

3 In order to give everyone an equal
4 opportunity to comment on this proposal, I would like
5 to establish the following ground rules. One, I will
6 first call upon the witnesses who have pre-registered
7 to testify at this hearing. After hearing from these
8 witnesses, I will provide any other interested parties
9 with the opportunity to testify as time allows. Two,
10 testimony is limited to ten minutes for each witness.
11 Three, organizations are requested to designate one
12 witness to present testimony on its behalf. Four,
13 each witness is asked to submit three written copies
14 of his or her testimony to aid in transcribing the
15 hearing. Please hand me your copies prior to
16 presenting your testimony. Five, please state your
17 name, address and affiliation for the record prior to
18 presenting your testimony. The EQB would appreciate
19 your help by spelling names and terms that may not be
20 generally familiar so that the transcript can be as
21 accurate as possible. Six, because the purpose of a
22 hearing is to receive comments on the proposal, the
23 EQB or DEP staff may question witnesses. However, the
24 witness may not --- witnesses may not question the EQB
25 or DEP staff.

1 In addition to or in place of oral
2 testimony presented at today's hearing, interested
3 persons may also submit written comments on this
4 proposal. All comments must be received by the EQB on
5 or before March 22nd, 2010. Comments should be
6 addressed to the Environmental Quality Board, Post
7 Office Box 8477, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477. Comments
8 may also be e-mailed to capital R, small E-G, capital
9 C, small O-M-M-E-N-T-S at state.pa.us.
10 (RegComments@state.pa.us.)

11 All comments received at this hearing, as
12 well as written comments received by May 22nd, 2010
13 will be considered by the EQB and will be included in
14 a Comment/Response document, which will be prepared by
15 the Department and reviewed by the EQB prior to the
16 Board taking its final action on this regulation.
17 Anyone interested in receiving a copy of the
18 transcript of today's hearing may contact the EQB for
19 further information.

20 I would now like to call the first
21 witness. Let the records show that no persons pre-
22 registered to testify. Let the record also show that
23 there is no other person present to offer testimony at
24 this time. And in recognition of today's weather
25 conditions and possible traffic challenges, I will go

1 off the record for 15 to 20 minutes, at which time I
2 will come back on the record and provide testimony,
3 given persons should appear. Off the record.

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5 CHAIR:

6 On the record. With no witnesses
7 present, on behalf of the EQB, I hereby adjourn this
8 hearing at 1:30 p.m. Off the record.

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HEARING CONCLUDED AT 1:30 P.M.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
proceedings, hearing held before Chair Hepler, was
reported by me on 02/16/2010 and that I Danielle S.
Ohm read this transcript and that I attest that this
transcript is a true and accurate record of the
proceeding.

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