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BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

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IN RE: LARGE APPLIANCE AND METAL FURNITURE SURFACE  
COATING PROCESSES

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BEFORE: ARLEEN SHULMAN, Program Manager

HEARING: Wednesday, February 17, 2010  
1:01 p.m.

LOCATION: 400 Market Street  
Conference Room 105  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

WITNESSES: None

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By Ms. Shulman

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

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MS. SHULMAN:

I'd like to welcome you all to the Environmental Quality Board's public hearing on the proposed regulations concerning volatile organic compound emission standards for large appliance and metal furniture surface coating processes.

My name is Arleen Shulman. I am program manager of the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Air Resource Management. I am representing the EQB at today's hearing, and I officially call this hearing to order at 1:01 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to formally accept testimony on the proposed regulations concerning Volatile Organic Compound or VOC Emission Standards for Large Appliance and Metal Furniture Surface Coating Processes. In addition to this hearing, the EQB held a similar hearing on this proposal yesterday, Tuesday, February 16th, in Pittsburgh and will hold another hearing tomorrow, Thursday, February 18th, in Norristown.

The proposed rulemaking, which was adopted by the EQB on November 17th, 2009, amends Pa. Code Chapter 129 to limit emissions of volatile

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

11           Federal statutory or regulatory limits do  
12 not exist for VOC emissions from large appliance and  
13 metal furniture coating processes; however, the Clean  
14 Air Act and its implementing regulations require that  
15 State Implementation Plans or SIPs for nonattainment  
16 areas must include, quote, reasonably available  
17 control measures, and this includes, quote, reasonably  
18 available control technology or RACT for sources of  
19 emissions. The Clean Air Act further requires that  
20 for moderate ozone nonattainment areas, states must  
21 revise their SIP to include RACT for sources of VOC  
22 emissions covered by a Control Techniques Guideline or  
23 CTG document issued by the EPA prior to the area's  
24 date of attainment. The Department has reviewed the  
25 recommendations including the EPA's 2007 CTG for large

1 appliance and metal furniture coatings and has  
2 determined that the measures are appropriate to be  
3 implemented in this Commonwealth as RACT in this  
4 proposed rulemaking in order to reduce VOC emissions  
5 from the use and application of coatings and cleaning  
6 materials in large appliance and metal furniture  
7 surface coating processes. The regulation, when  
8 adopted by the board as a final rulemaking will be  
9 submitted to the EPA as a revision to the SIP.

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

19           The Department discussed the rulemaking  
20 with the air quality technical advisory committee over  
21 the course of several meetings. On May 28th, 2009,  
22 the committee concurred with the Department's  
23 recommendation to present the proposed amendments to  
24 the board for approval as proposed rulemaking. There  
25 are no witnesses in the room so unless one shows up

1 I'll dispense with the logistics for witnesses. If  
2 someone shows up, I'll then read that.

3           In addition to or in place of oral  
4 testimony presented at today's hearing, interested  
5 persons may also submit written comments on this  
6 proposal. All comments must be received by the EQB on  
7 or before March 22nd, 2010. Comments should be  
8 addressed to the Environmental Quality Board, P.O. Box  
9 8477, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-8477. Comments  
10 may also be e-mailed to [repcomments@state.pa.us](mailto:repcomments@state.pa.us).

11           All comments received at this hearing, as  
12 well as written comments received by March 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. At this point, we will wait  
20 until 1:20. At this point, if there are no witnesses,  
21 I'll close the record.

22 SHORT BREAK TAKEN

23           MS. SHULMAN:

24           It's 1:25. There are no witnesses  
25 present, so on behalf of the EQB, I hereby adjourn

1 this hearing at 1:25 p.m.

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HEARING CONCLUDED AT 1:25 P.M.

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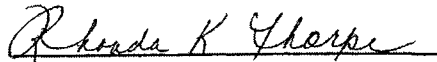
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