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Subject: Proposed Rulemaking - Additional RACT Requirements for Major Sources of NOx and VOCs



Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Additional RACT Requirements for Major Sources of NOx and VOCs

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

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I am very opposed to the proposed looser power plant air emissions controls being proposed by the PA DEP. It is unconscionable to adopt less stringent air-emissions controls in Pennsylvania, where many counties are already "non-attainment" areas for safe air quality. Air-emissions standards for coal and other power plants should be made more stringent, not less. With the increase in fracking, as well, every polluting source should be required to significantly lower its NOx and VOCs pollution. I'm very disappointed that PA DEP is even considering allowing such lax regulations.

I agree with PennFuture's Valessa Souter-Kline: "Not requiring emissions control at levels achievable with SCR creates the potential for industry to turn off SCR at plants where it is already installed while still meeting their emissions thresholds. This is a bad policy decision that fails to take advantage of this opportunity to improve air quality for residents of southwestern Pennsylvania."

I also object to a rule that would substitute a 30-day rolling average for multiple power plants owned by one company that could allow some power plants to make no emissions reductions and create pollution hot spots.

The PA DEP needs to protect the citizens and the environment better.

Sincerely,
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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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