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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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Comments entered:

Good morning: my name is Claudia Kirkpatrick, and I reside at 3763 Orpwood Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. I attended this Environmental Quality Board hearing and am writing against the Pennsylvania DEP's proposed power plant emissions rule.

As many people have stated, this proposed rule would allow coal-burning power plants to emit pollution 40% higher than they are already emitting, and 9 times higher than what almost all of the power plants already have the equipment to achieve. As many participants mentioned, emissions from coal burning power plants cause significant harm to citizens of Allegheny County: it is unconscionable that the Pennsylvania DEP is willing to make it more difficult for Pennsylvania citizens, especially children, to breathe. As a result of these difficulties, emissions from coal-burning power plants are already very expensive for the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, causing significant medical costs; and increased emissions would increase these costs substantially.

According to a 2010 report of the Clean Air Task Force, Pennsylvania has one of the highest levels of medical costs, plus losses of life, of any state in the United States. Existing power-plant mortality is more than 20 people per 100,00 adults, the highest in the United States, with 1359 deaths, 1016 hospital admissions, and 2298 heart attacks due to emissions from coal-burning power plants (source: www.catf.us/resources/). The map (page 11 of this report) clearly shows that Southwestern Pennsylvania produces among the worst emissions in the United States.

And because the DEP's proposed emissions rule would allow increased pollution from coal-

burning power plants, the number of hospital admissions and deaths would go up: therefore the medical costs, plus the costs to our area's economy, would also go up. I join, therefore, in asking the Pennsylvania DEP to take the responsible step of rejecting the proposed power plant emissions regulations.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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