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Subject: Proposed Rulemaking - Additional RACT Requirements for Major Sources of NOx and VOCs
Attachments: Petition_RACT_Schuster.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached Public Petition pertaining to Proposed Rulemaking - Additional RACT Requirements for Major Sources of NOx and VOCs. The petition was submitted at the Harrisburg Public Hearing on May 29, 2014, by Tom Schuster of the Sierra Club.

The attached includes the content of the petition. The petition has 2,246 signatures.

Thank you,
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Regarding Public Petition on Proposed Rulemaking, Additional RACT Requirements for Major Sources of NOx and VOCs, 25 PA. CODE CHS. 121 AND 129

Dear Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection,

Nearly two-thirds of Pennsylvanians are at risk of heart and lung damage from dangerous smog pollution. Unfortunately, your draft smog control plan fails to set meaningful limits on the largest single source of smog-causing pollution in the state: coal-fired power plants.

In fact, the proposed limits in the plan would allow some coal plants to pollute more than four times than they have in the past. Most of our state's large coal plants already have reasonable and available technology to reduce smog-causing pollution and save lives, but they need to be required to use it.

It is unconscionable that you would allow these dirty plants to needlessly pollute while millions of Pennsylvanians, including children, seniors and nearly 750,000 asthma sufferers are put at risk.

Our families deserve better. We demand a stronger smog plan that will:

- Set stronger limits on pollution for coal plants that are consistent with using modern pollution control technology, specifically Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR).
- Hold all coal plants accountable for their pollution instead of allowing coal companies to average their pollution across multiple facilities.
- Measure smog on a short-term, eight-hour basis in accordance with the Clean Air Act to ensure polluters aren't allowed to make already bad air days worse.

Sincerely,
The Undersigned

