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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

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Most power plants in Pennsylvania already have an effective, modern pollution-control technology known as selective catalytic reduction. However, under PA DEP's proposed rule, power plants will be allowed to use older, less efficient and less effective technologies to control their emissions. If Pennsylvania does not require the most effective technology to control NOx, the ozone problem will only get worse and public health will suffer. Please require operators of coal-fired boilers to use selective catalytic reduction to minimize NOx pollution, protect Pennsylvania's air quality, and minimize dangerous ozone days.

I live in Pittsburgh, please don't worsen our air again!

Thank You,

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Easing pollution restrictions will cost lives and dollars. Don't do it!

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