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

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

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Comments entered:

It is my understanding that the "Additional Reasonable Available Control Technology Requirements for Major Sources of NOx and VOCs" will weaken emissions limits. PA already had 485 ozone days in 2013. Pennsylvania cannot handle the increase of ground level ozone that will be created by increases in ozone precursors which will be the result of this rule.

I feel it would be irresponsible to allow utilities to average their NOx emissions over their entire fleet of power plants in addition to allowing them to average these emissions over 30 days rather than the 1 or 8-hour standards. Lungs can be severely damaged after only being exposed to ground-level ozone for a short time. NOx emissions should be monitored by pollution source and over a 1-hour and 8-hour standard.

Most power plants in Pennsylvania already have an effective, modern pollution-control technology. 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.

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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