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PA Department of Transportation
Bureau of Maintenance and Operations
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RE: *Pennsylvania Bulletin* (46 Pa.B. 991)
Hauling in Excess of Posted Weight Limit

Dear Mr. Roman:

I am writing regarding the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's proposed rulemaking titled "Hauling in Excess of Posted Weight Limit," recently published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

The Pennsylvania Coal Alliance (PCA) is the principal trade organization representing the interests of Pennsylvania's bituminous coal mine operators, associated companies and service providers whose businesses rely on coal mining and a thriving coal economy. PCA member companies annually produce an estimated 90 percent of the bituminous coal in Pennsylvania, and support nearly 36,000 jobs statewide.

While supportive of the Department's efforts to update the existing regulations to reflect recent amendments to Title 75 (Vehicles) of Pennsylvania's Consolidated Statutes, we would like to recommend that the definition of "Permanent coal reprocessing or preparation plant," specifically subsection §189.2(ii), include nearby ancillary and supporting facilities. Often certain constraints prohibit facilities from being located immediately adjacent to a plant and instead are located at a close proximity.

PCA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed rulemaking. Thank you for your time and consideration of the above request. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Rachel Gleason
PA Coal Alliance
Director of Regulatory Affairs