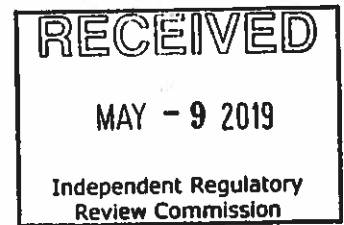


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Clean Air Board of Central Pennsylvania
Comments before the Environmental Quality Board
Re: Proposed Regulation #7-551

The Clean Air Board of Central Pennsylvania is a faith-based citizens' initiative dedicated to achieving clean air to protect our health and quality of life. We accomplish our mission by raising public awareness of air quality issues, by advocating for policies which will produce cleaner air, and by monitoring air quality. The Clean Air Board supports the proposed regulation #7-551 (IRRC #3225): "Additional Requirements for Control of Fine Particulate Matter in the Nonattainment New Source Review Program"

One of the continuing air pollution problems the Board has identified in central Pennsylvania is the difficulty in attaining and maintaining air quality standards for fine particulate – PM2.5. For a long time, the Harrisburg-Carlisle-Lebanon air basin did not meet the short term 24-hour standard for fine particulate (35 ug/m3) and the long term annual average standard (12ug/m3). Lebanon County had been measuring annual PM2.5 levels above 12ug/m3 as recently as 2014. The nearby air basins in York and Lancaster counties also have had problems meeting the fine particulate air quality standards.

The proposed rule recognizes that emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and ammonia are PM2.5 precursors which can be significant contributors to the attainment and maintenance problems for ambient air quality standards for PM2.5.

This rulemaking would incorporate recently promulgated federal requirements which regulate major new sources of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and ammonia as precursor pollutants that affect nonattainment areas.

The Clean Air Board supports these measures and the proposed changes to the Department of Environmental Protection regulations. We ask that the Environmental Quality Board approve the proposed regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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