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Re: eComment System

The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Additional Requirements for Control of Fine Particulate Matter in the Nonattainment New Source Review Program (#7-551).

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There needs to be tougher regulations regarding machinery like LAWMOWER, which spew out noxious toxic substances! All small motorized household type equipment is currently, to my knowledge, completely unregulated. some of these small motors spew out more junk than many standard vehicles combined. Vehicles are equipped with catalytic convertors, or are suppose to be anyway. its time to start requiring these same type of complex air cleaning systems on small engines as well. Even on the most hazy days in the city, its not nearly as bad as the air quality gets from the fumes coming into my windows from the neighbors noxious motorized lawnmower. something needs to be done! his right to mow his lawn does not supersede my rights to breath clean air ! its bad enough that people are allowed to smoke their cigarettes outdoors! that is maybe a separate but related issues. in this day and age, theres no reason for any of this . the technology exists to prevent the poisoning of the air by others! or instance, I would think it would be terrific if old fashioned combustibile cigarettes from the early 1900's were BANNED in favor of vaping! vaping is similar or identical to smoking cigarettes except that the vape exhaust is not as prevalent or strong and probably cannot travel several meters into a nearby neighbors windows, but standard cigarettes and cigars can!
we have technology to have good running electric lawnmowers and weed wackers and all those types of equipment. so some kind of law code or regulation needs to be created to force their exclusive usage. like i said , either force electric powered equipment or force a catalytic converter and a muffler to be added onto all small engines, including but not limited to lawnmowers weed wackers , and etc.
also regarding catalytic convertors that clean up car and vehicle exhaust, legislation is needed ot make removal of these catalytic convertors from vehicles illegal. and its pretty easy to tell ,

because the decibels of the vehicle goes up by about 3 or 4x when the catalytic convertor. a traffic officer should be able to pull over and cite someone for having a superloud vehicle indicative of missing its catalytic convertor. at the very least force them to have their vehicle inspected to ensure the catalytic convertor is present in order to dismiss the citation. its very foolish to remove ones catalytic convertor from ones vehicle, the alleged performance increase is minimal and anyway it gets around the vehicle smog laws that were created to help protect the air quality. So i guess overall i have mentioned three issues that should be address to help increase overall air quality and reducing smog haze and fine particulate matter. thank you

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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