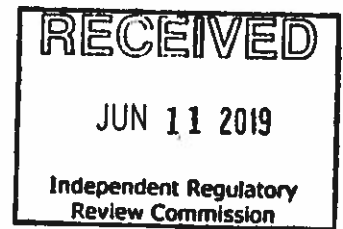


3231 Form LETTER A 1-14



Form Letter: Support Air Quality Fees

Proposed Rulemaking: Air Quality Fee Schedule Amendments (#7-536)

I am writing in support of the PA DEP's proposed Title V permit fee schedule changes because:

- The Air Quality Program's expenses now exceed its revenue, which means the money being generated by the existing fee schedule is not adequate to fund the program.
- That revenue gap has resulted in a reduction in Air Quality Program staffing, which negatively affects the turnaround time for issuance of plan approvals and operating permits. It also impacts the program's ability to effectively conduct inspections, respond to complaints, and pursue enforcement actions, when necessary.
- There are negative impacts to the environment and public health resulting from reduced enforcement as well as impacts to our state economy through slowing or altogether preventing businesses from investing in new facilities and modernizing existing ones.