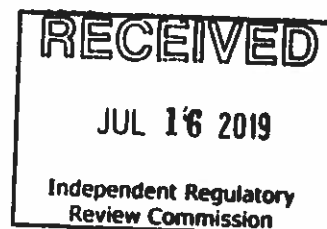


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**Re: eComment System**

**The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Revision of the Maximum Allowable Sulfur Content Limit for No. 2 and Lighter Commercial Fuel Oil.**

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Comments entered:

- The transition from 500 parts per million sulfur to 15 parts per million ultra-low sulfur heating oil (ULSHO) will reduce soot accumulation which will ultimately keep heating systems cleaner. Cleaner systems result in higher energy efficiency along with reduced service calls. This will help the ultimate consumer save on heating costs.
- Using ULSHO containing less than 15 ppm lowers sulfur oxide emissions in the flue gas by more than 97% compared to heating oil with 500 ppm sulfur, and produces sulfur oxide emissions that are comparable to natural gas heating equipment.
- ULSHO is compatible with existing oil heat equipment. Customers won't need to install a new system to use ULSHO.
- Pennsylvania is the only state in the Mid Atlantic and New England region who has not yet adopted a ULSHO standard. As a petroleum marketer I fully support aligning our state with the rest of the region to achieve improved air quality and cleaner fuel.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.