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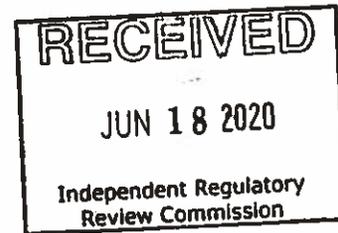


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The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Control of VOC Emissions from Oil and Natural Gas Sources (#7-544).

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Comments entered:

Strong rules to regulate and reduce methane and other emissions are essential to preventing the most catastrophic effects of climate change and for preserving public health, which is already in dire straits due to the coronavirus.

Poor air quality keeps children out of school with asthma, exacerbates existing health problems, and shortens lives. Even if climate change were not such a massive problem, we would want to keep these particles out of the air to keep ourselves and our children safe today.

I have five-year-old twins, and I lose sleep at night thinking about what their future will be like. Every single problem that we face today, from disease, to war, to food shortages and more will be exacerbated by climate change. We are already seeing effects of climate change locally with more severe storms and flooding as well as rising temperatures. Ask Pennsylvania farmers what they worry about, and they will tell you they are worried about our changing climate.

In particular, I ask you to close the loophole for low-producing wells that is in the current draft. These wells are still a major source of emissions, and giving them an out makes absolutely no sense. Also, we cannot allow operators to reduce the frequency of inspections just because they have a halfway decent track record. Significant leaks can happen at any time, so we need

consistent monitoring.

Please provide a regulatory framework that will keep Pennsylvanians safe today and in the future.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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