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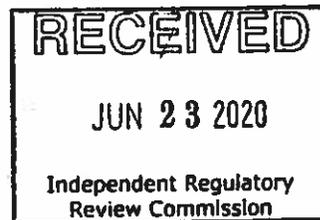


**Re: eComment System**

**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:**

We need to finalize a strong rule that cuts methane pollution from existing oil and gas infrastructure to protect public health (our health) as well as our environment (methane is an extremely powerful greenhouse gas, worse than carbon monoxide).

Air pollution worsens heart and lung ailments, and PA already has some of the worst air quality in the US. Any industry that profits off the removal of fossil fuels needs to do what they can to reduce leaks, they can mitigate our future costs by a small investment in prevention now.

Specifically, I'm asking that the agency close the loophole in the draft rule for "low-producing" wells, they're major polluters. Also, the agency should eliminate the provision that allows operators to reduce the frequency of inspections. If we don't test we won't know about leaks until it's too late. Regular inspections will reduce pollution.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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