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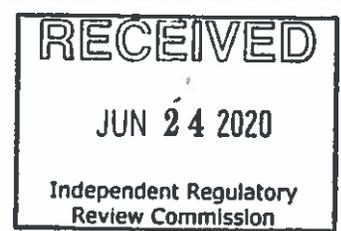


Re: eComment System

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:

The loss of methane to the atmosphere adds greatly to the impact of greenhouse gasses causing global warming. I strongly support regulations at the state (and federal level) to comprehensively reduce the emissions of methane and volatile organic compounds to the maximum extent available with current and emerging technologies.

The proposed regulations to control VOC emissions from oil and natural gas sources are a start, but frankly do not go far enough, and include exemptions for so-called low-producing wells. I submit that low-producing wells, whether oil or natural gas, are a pollution burden the citizens of the Commonwealth should not have to bear. These wells should either meet all modern standards or be permanently and effectively capped.

The oil and gas industry in Pennsylvania have had a very long history of land, water and air pollution. Billions of dollars have been pocketed at the expense of the health of Pennsylvania's residents and their environment. The crisis unfolding in the form of global warming and the continued health impacts of uncontrolled VOC emissions are clear and scientifically sound reasons to improve upon and then approve the proposed regulations.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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