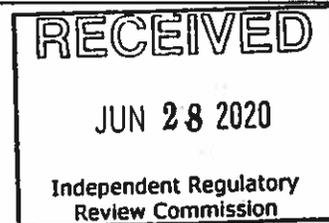


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Prior to the Covid 19 pandemic, both Pittsburgh and Philadelphia had failing grades of air quality. It is not that surprising really, since Pennsylvania is the third largest greenhouse gas polluter in the nation.

The 'stay at home' order issued during the pandemic has shown us that we can achieve great improvements in air quality.

Methane is a highly potent greenhouse gas, responsible for 25% of man made global warming, and the majority of Pennsylvanians agree that we need to control it and we need to put the brakes on now.

I am asking the DEP to finalize a strong existing source methane rule, and close the loophole in the draft rule for low producing wells, which are responsible for more than half the pollution from oil and gas sources in Pennsylvania. And, when previous inspections do not reveal leaks, we need to keep up regular, frequent inspections. They are the only way to detect leaks.

This is how we try to counterbalance the awful damage we are doing to our air quality.

Thank you for your attention.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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