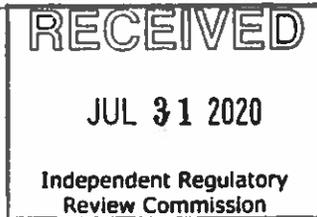


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The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Control of VOC Emissions from Oil and Natural Gas Sources (#7-544).

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Comments entered:

As a citizen of Susquehanna County & New Milford Township, I just want to tell you that there are 6 gas wells less than 2 miles near my home. I am concerned about the VOC Emissions from the gas wells and believe they should be controlled in a strict and responsible manner. I support and applaud this rule for reducing methane and harmful air emissions.

However, I think that it needs the following improvements:

Low-producing wells are responsible for more than half of the methane pollution from oil and gas sources in Pennsylvania. Close the loophole that exempts low-producing wells from the rule's leak detection and repair requirements. All wells, regardless of production levels, require routine inspections.

Research shows that large, uncontrolled leaks are random and can only be detected with frequent and regular inspections. Eliminate the provision that allows operators to reduce the frequency of inspections if previous inspections do not reveal significant methane leaks.

Also: Ensure this proposal includes requirements for all the emission sources covered in DEP's existing standards for new oil and gas sources. There is no logical reason why all of the natural gas infrastructure covered by new sources should not also apply to existing sources.

Thank you.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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