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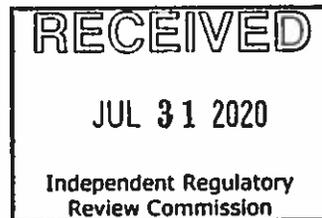


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The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Control of VOC Emissions from Oil and Natural Gas Sources (#7-544).

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Comments entered:

My name is Matt Mier and I live in Aleppo, a short drive outside of Pittsburgh. I am writing to urge you to strengthen the proposed rule regarding controlling VOCs. The emission of methane from natural gas wells is a large contributor to global warming, and additional steps need to be taken to reduce those emissions. Specifically, elimination of the provisions that exempt low-producing wells from leak detection requirements is needed. These low-producing wells actually make up a relatively high percentage of Pennsylvania's methane emission from natural gas. Additionally, the proposed rule does not directly regulate methane. While the proposed rule would regulate the "wet" gas found in southwestern Pennsylvania, it would not apply to "dry" gas found in north central and northeast parts of the state.

The current Covid-19 crisis illustrates the destructive impact that natural forces can have on our economy. While climate change may seem like a problem on the horizon, signs of its impact are appearing with increasing frequency. Let's take the steps needed to ward it off before it's too late. Our children and grandchildren will thank us.