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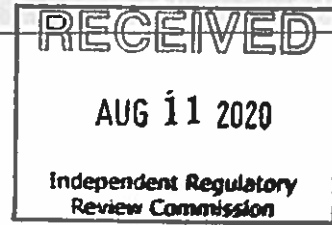
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**The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Control of VOC Emissions from Oil and Natural Gas Sources (#7-544).**

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I am a professional energy exploration geologist, mineral economist, and an independent mineral producer in Pennsylvania. I've given expert testimony on mineral valuation, resource extraction, and geoscience issues in numerous public forums. I provided expert testimony and/or litigation consulting in international tribunals and many federal and/or state courts in the United States on behalf of individuals, governments, and companies. I've been retained as an expert witness on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice in high value mineral valuation cases associated with Hurricane Katrina, Tribal Trust claims, etc.

I support PA-DEP's proposal to set standards to protect public health from VOCs and other pollution from oil and gas operations in Pennsylvania.

Additionally I urge PA-DEP to strengthen its proposal by closing loopholes for low-producing wells, remove provisions that reduce the frequency of inspections for some oil and gas operators, and set these standards for all new and existing oil and gas operations.