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**Testimony name:** Public Hearing 1 - Proposed #7-544  
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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).**

Commenter Information:

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Comments entered:

Oral comments given at 23 June 2020 hearing. See emailed written comments below:

Dear Pennsylvania DEP,

We're facing a climate crisis and the devastating impacts of are beyond dispute. Given the extent of the methane problem in our Commonwealth we must do all we can, especially when we know a rapid reduction in methane is something that we can do immediately to help curb the near-term rate of warming.

Please improve your regulation to control emissions from existing oil and gas operations by removing exemptions for low producing natural gas which can actually emit just as much

methane or more than higher producing wells and eliminating the provision that allows operators to shirk their responsibility to inspect their equipment frequently just because previous inspections did not reveal significant leaks.

Please demonstrate greater environmental leadership by strengthening and finalizing as soon as possible your regulation to mitigate methane from existing oil and gas operations.

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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