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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).

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Comments entered:

Oral comments given at 24 June 2020 hearing. See emailed written comments below:

Good afternoon all. My name is Hannah Enderby, and I am a 4th year environmental science & management student and researcher at Duquesne University. I am also on the executive leadership team for the environmental Justice club at Duquesne, called Evergreen. Evergreen's mission is to create and promote environmental awareness, and one of the ways in which we bring our mission to fruition is through peaceful, political activism. My club sees protecting and improving the environment as essential to creating a more just world and planting seeds of hope for the future. For this to happen, we need to reduce the pollution that is responsible for climate change- one of these potent, greenhouse pollutants being methane. I fully support the passing of the PA methane ruling. Everyone knows what our unchecked

release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere has caused- violent storms, severe droughts, mass extinctions, hotter/longer summer, and even a newly coined health term called "climate anxiety," and the list goes on and on and on. We also know that these things have the greatest impact on those that are already marginalized in our world. Climate changes affects the poor and marginalized to a MUCH greater degree than it affects the privileged. The significantly higher rates of cancer, asthma, and decline in overall quality of life is alarming in environmental justice areas. I would understand since I struggle with asthma, and it has progressively become worse as the air quality worsens. Although my asthma gives me reason enough to advocate for environmental justice, this is not what motivates me the most to support pro-environmental regulations. It is seeing, researching and learning about the quickly dying planet every day that motivates me to be here.

Although I am concerned that there is still strong resistance to rulings that would address the climate crisis, I'm relieved that finally there is a proposal for a ruling that will limit the amount of methane being released from all types of point sources in PA.

As a club leader, future environmental scientist, and concerned citizen for our environment, I'd be remiss if I weren't wholeheartedly supporting Governor Wolf's PA methane rule. If you see protecting and improving the environment as essential to creating a more just world and planting seeds of hope for the future, then you will also support Gov. Wolf's methane rule. Thank you all who were involved in bringing this issue to light and I hope that this ruling is passed.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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