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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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As a life-long Pennsylvanian, I'm writing to support PA-DEP's proposal to set standards to protect public health from VOCs and climate pollution from oil and gas operations in Pennsylvania.

While these are a crucial step, I'm calling on PA-DEP to strengthen its proposal by closing existing loopholes for low-producing wells, remove provisions that reduce frequency of inspections for some oil and gas operators, and set these standards for all new and existing oil and gas operations. Low-producing wells contribute half of the pollutants produced and should not be given exemptions. Leaks can occur at anytime. Frequent inspections have the advantage of discovering problems before they become catastrophes.

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