



Citizens Advisory Council

to the Department of Environmental Protection

P.O. Box 8459 • Rachel Carson State Office Building

Harrisburg, PA 17105-8459 • 717-787-4527 • Fax 717-772-2291

Please Note: Our New Fax Number is 717-772-5748

May 13, 1999

Mr. James Salvaggio, Director
Bureau of Air Quality
P.O. Box 8468
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8468

Dear Mr. Salvaggio:

The Citizens Advisory Council is pleased to participate on the ozone stakeholder workgroups as we did in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. We think such a progressive approach will once again develop region-specific solutions for controlling ozone. However, the purpose of this letter is to express our concern over one issue raised by the Susquehanna Valley Ozone Stakeholders Workgroup. We feel that adjacent areas should be added to this process, specifically Perry County.

We have reviewed your May 6 response to Kevin Stewart on this matter and agree with many of the points you raise. However, we believe that there is strong reason to include Perry County in the Susquehanna Valley Ozone Stakeholders Workgroup.

Perry County is growing and is an increasing source of transportation-related emissions that contribute to the regional ozone problem. If one travels to or from the county on a normal business day, you see lines of automobiles backed up in traffic on their way into and out of Harrisburg and environs. As we look into the future, we can expect that these emissions will further increase as development continues along the Route 15 and Route 22/322 corridors. The current expansion of Route 22/322 will clearly exacerbate this problem. While we certainly support the goals of the Growing Greener initiative, we do not believe that it will be a satisfactory alternative to effective management of transportation-related emissions. Further, we note that there is a precedent for adopting our recommendation in that the Ozone Transport Commission targets potential emission sources along the Interstate 95 transportation corridor.

While DEP considers Perry to be a background area impacted by long-range transport, we contend that it is an integral part of the Harrisburg area and its ozone problem. Perry County's rural charm and proximity to Harrisburg made it an attractive bedroom community for residents to work, shop and recreate in the metropolitan area. Given Perry County's involvement in this region, we think excluding it will handicap the workgroup's efforts to control regional ozone.



We understand that soliciting additional stakeholders is a concern, but believe current stakeholders can represent interests in this area.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me at 717-592-7727 or Council staff to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Signature for

Lawrence C. Tropea, Jr.
Air Committee Chair