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The Honorable John Hanger Secretary Department of Environmental Protection P.O. Box 2063 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

Dear Secretary Hanger:

On October 18, 2010 the Citizens Advisory Council's Air Committee discussed the final-form Air Quality Fees and the final-form NNSR PM2.5 regulatory packages. During this discussion, the committee raised a number of questions regarding the economic impact to the affected industries, the projected environmental gain, and the status of similar rulemakings in other states in the region.

On the recommendation of the Air Committee on October 19, the Citizens Advisory Council voted to concur with proceeding to the Environmental Quality Board with the rulemakings.

Council thanks the Bureau for providing regular updates on air issues, policies and regulations. We look forward to future discussions. If there are any questions about Council's action of October 19, 2010, please contact Sue Wilson, Council's Executive Director, at 787-4527.

Sincerely,

Joyce Hatala

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Citizens Advisory Council