

Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee

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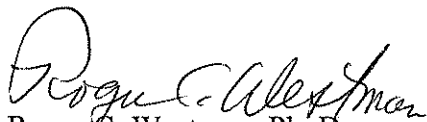
Dear Secretary Hanger:

On May 28, 2009, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee discussed proposed amendments to 25 *Pa. Code* Chapters 121 and 127 (relating to general provisions; and construction, modification, reactivation and operation of sources). The proposal would amend the definition of certain terms in § 121.1 (relating to definitions), including the terms "major facility" and "significant," to include the requirements for PM_{2.5}, add the term and definition for "PM_{2.5}" and delete the term and definition for "maximum allowable emissions."

The proposed rulemaking would amend the existing nonattainment new source review (NSR) requirements in Chapter 127, Subchapter E (relating to new source review) under §§ 127.201-127.218, to incorporate recently promulgated Federal requirements for particulate matter equal to and less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM_{2.5}) and PM_{2.5} precursors. The proposal would add requirements to Subchapter E to expand the applicability of the nonattainment NSR program to include emissions of PM_{2.5} and its precursors including sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and condensable emissions.

The Committee concurred with the Department's recommendation to present the proposed amendments, with modification, to the Environmental Quality Board for approval for publication as a proposed rulemaking with a minimum 60-day public comment period and three public hearings.

Sincerely,



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