

Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee

to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

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Re: Nonattainment New Source Review for Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) final-form rulemaking

Dear Secretary Hanger:

On September 15, 2010, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (Committee) discussed the final-form rulemaking to amend the existing nonattainment New Source Review (NSR) requirements in *25 Pa. Code* Chapters 121 and 127 (relating to general provisions; and construction, modification, reactivation and operation of sources) to incorporate recently promulgated Federal requirements for particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers (PM_{2.5}) and PM_{2.5} precursors. The proposed rulemaking was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on February 6, 2010 (40 Pa.B. 703).

The final-form rulemaking adds requirements to certain sections of Chapter 127, Subchapter E (relating to new source review) to expand the applicability of the nonattainment NSR program to include emissions of PM_{2.5} and its precursors, including sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides. The final-form rulemaking includes amendments to *25 Pa. Code* § 121.1 (relating to definitions) to support the amendments to Chapter 127, Subchapter E.

The Committee voted 13-0-2 to concur with the Department's recommendation to present the final-form amendments, as modified, to the Environmental Quality Board for consideration as a final-form rulemaking.

Sincerely,



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Chair