

Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee

to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

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February 14, 2013

Honorable Michael L. Krancer
Secretary
Department of Environmental Protection
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Re: Proposed rulemaking amendments for Additional Requirements for Major Sources of NO_x and VOCs

Dear Secretary Krancer:

On February 14, 2013, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (Committee) discussed the proposed rulemaking to amend 25 *Pa. Code* Chapters 121 and 129 (relating to general provisions; and standards for sources) to add additional requirements for major sources of nitrogen oxide (NO_x) and volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions. The proposed rulemaking amends § 121.1 (relating to definitions) to add or revise terms and definitions and adds five sections to Chapter 129 to establish presumptive reasonably available control technology (RACT) requirements and RACT emission limitations for certain major stationary air contamination sources of NO_x and VOC emissions, including combustion units, boilers, process heaters, turbines, engines, municipal solid waste landfills, and municipal waste combustors. The proposed rulemaking also adds requirements for an averaging program and for case-by-case evaluations for sources that cannot meet the presumptive RACT requirements and RACT emission limitations.

The Committee voted 13-3-1 to concur with the Department's recommendation to present the proposed rulemaking amendments to the Environmental Quality Board for consideration.

Sincerely,



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Chair