

# Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee

to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

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Honorable Patrick McDonnell  
Secretary  
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Re: Final-omitted Rulemaking for the Electronic Submission of Air Quality General Plan Approval and General Operating Permit Applications (*25 Pa. Code* Chapter 127, Subchapter H)

Dear Secretary McDonnell:

On June 14, 2018, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (Committee) discussed the final-omitted rulemaking for electronic submission of air quality general plan approvals (GPA) and general operating permits (GP). Currently, 25 Pa. Code § 127.621(b) (relating to application for use of general plan approvals and general operating permits) specifies that the application for an air quality GPA or GP shall be either hand delivered or transmitted by certified mail return receipt requested to the Department.

This final-omitted rulemaking amends § 127.621(b) to add the option of electronic means as authorized by the Department as another method for the delivery of applications for air quality GPAs and GPs. Adding an electronic means of submission as authorized by the Department will provide flexibility to the regulated community and enhance Department efficiency through the timely processing and potential issuance of these air quality GPAs and GPs. This additional means of submission is a beneficial expansion of an existing regulatory requirement.

The Committee voted 9-0-0 to concur with the Department's recommendation to present the final-omitted rulemaking amendments to the Environmental Quality Board for consideration for adoption and publication as a final rulemaking.

Sincerely,



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Chair

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