



Citizens Advisory Council

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Joyce E. Epps, Esquire
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Dear Ms. Epps:

On October 15, 2007, the Citizens Advisory Council's Air Committee discussed the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) final rulemaking. On the recommendation of the Air Committee, on November 13, 2007 the Council voted to concur with proceeding to the Environmental Quality Board with the rulemaking with the following cautions for future consideration:

- We agree with the use of emissions trading as an interim measure to economically meet new, tighter emissions limits and requirements. However, if extended indefinitely, trading waters down the overall objective of better controlling emissions from all sources.
- While this proposal will help reduce emissions state- and region-wide, it may not provide immediate and adequate relief to environmental justice communities already bearing a disproportionate share of the pollution burden.

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 November 13, 2007, please contact Sue Wilson, Council's Executive Director at 787-4527.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Carrow
Chair, CAC

Margaret Urban
Chair, Air Committee

cc: Susan Hoyle