



# Citizens Advisory Council

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Dear Mr. Ramamurthy:

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 7.6 of the Air Pollution Control Act, on August 16, 2019, staff from the Bureau of Air Quality briefed the Citizens Advisory Council's (Council) Policy and Regulatory Oversight Committee (Committee) on the draft final rulemaking for PM<sub>2.5</sub> Precursors. PM<sub>2.5</sub> is shorthand for particulate matter less than and equal to 2.5 micrometers in diameter. The final rulemaking will amend 25 Pa. Code Chapters 121 and 127 to comply with EPA's PM<sub>2.5</sub> rule that requires states to amend their new source review (NSR) regulations to include emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and ammonia as PM<sub>2.5</sub> precursors in certain counties of this Commonwealth that are designated as nonattainment for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The draft final rulemaking will also include significant impact levels (SIL) for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and offset ratios for emissions of VOCs and ammonia as PM<sub>2.5</sub> precursors.

On the recommendation of the Committee, Council voted at their August 20, 2019, meeting to support the adoption of the above-referenced final rulemaking.

Council appreciates the Bureau's cooperation in providing detailed briefings on air rulemakings. If you have any questions regarding Council's action on the above-referenced rulemaking, please contact me at 717.787.8171 or by email at [ksalador@pa.gov](mailto:ksalador@pa.gov).

Sincerely,

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