



# Citizens Advisory Council

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Mr. James Salvaggio  
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Dear Jim:

Thank you for having Wick Havens meet with the Citizen Advisory Council's Air Committee on 19 October 1998. The Committee appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the proposed ambient air quality monitoring plan revision and to have our questions addressed.

As you know, the Council is fully supportive of establishing a statewide monitoring network for fine particulates (under 2.5 microns in size).

We were pleased to learn that the state would be expanding ozone ambient air quality monitoring in the North Central Pennsylvania area. Given the growth in the region, this data will be a valuable early indicator of potential ozone issues and hopefully will aid future planning.

Council has always advocated the need for comprehensive statewide ambient air quality monitoring. We had previously raised questions about the adequacy of financial and staff resources to maintain the network, but these questions have been addressed. We are not in opposition to the current plan to reduce unnecessary and/or duplicative monitoring activities as outlined in your May 1998 plan and to focus upon the health based portion of ambient particulate matter and to expand ozone monitoring.

Thanks again for meeting with us and further outlining the rationale for the revisions.

Very truly yours,

*Sam Wilson for Larry Tropea*

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