December 12, 2013

Honorable E. Christopher Abruzzo  
Secretary  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Rachel Carson State Office Building  
P.O. Box 2063  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

Re: Proposed Rulemaking for Control of VOC Emissions from Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing Materials (Chapter 129)

Dear Secretary Abruzzo:

On December 12, 2013, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (Committee) discussed the proposed rulemaking to amend 25 Pa. Code Chapter 129 (relating to standards for sources). The proposed rulemaking adds provisions to Chapter 129 to further reduce the emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) from fiberglass boat manufacturing materials to meet the Clean Air Act “reasonably available control technology” requirements for ozone nonattainment areas. The proposed emission limits and work practice standards are consistent with the recommendations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency included in the Control Techniques Guideline document for this source category.

The Committee voted 16-0-0 to concur with the Department’s recommendation to present the proposed rulemaking amendments to the Environmental Quality Board for consideration for adoption and publication for public comment as proposed rulemaking.

Sincerely,

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Chair

cc: Joyce Epps, Director, PA DEP BAQ  
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