February 20, 2014

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 Miscellaneous Metal Parts Surface Coating Processes, Miscellaneous Plastic Parts Surface Coating Processes and Pleasure Craft Surface Coatings (Chapter 129)

Dear Secretary Abruzzo:

On February 20, 2014, 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 miscellaneous metal parts surface coating processes and to add provisions to reduce the VOC emissions from miscellaneous plastic parts surface coating processes and from pleasure craft surface coatings.

The amendments are proposed 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 these source categories.

The Committee voted 10-0-0 to concur with the Department’s recommendation to present the proposed rulemaking amendments to the Environmental Quality Board, with the changes discussed at today’s meeting, for consideration for adoption and publication as a proposed rulemaking for public comment.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Chair
cc: Joyce Epps, Director, PA DEP BAQ
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