February 11, 2016

Honorable John Quigley
Secretary
Department of Environmental Protection
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Dear Secretary Quigley:

On February 11, 2016, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (Committee) discussed the final rulemaking draft Annex A to amend 25 Pa. Code Chapter 129 (relating to standards for sources). The final rulemaking draft Annex A adds provisions to Chapter 129 at § 129.52d 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 proposed rulemaking was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on August 8, 2015 (45 Pa. B. 4366).

The amendments are being added to meet the Clean Air Act “reasonably available control technology” requirements for ozone nonattainment areas. The final-form VOC 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 17-0-0 (yes; no; abstain) to concur with the Department’s recommendation to present the final rulemaking amendments to the Environmental Quality Board for consideration for adoption and publication as final rulemaking.

Sincerely,

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Chair
cc: AQTAC Members
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