

Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee

to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

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February 8, 2018

Honorable Patrick McDonnell
Secretary
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Re: Proposed Rulemaking to Amend Sulfur Limits in No. 2 and Lighter Commercial Fuel Oil
(25 *Pa. Code* Chapter 123)

Dear Secretary McDonnell:

On February 8, 2018, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (Committee) discussed the proposed rulemaking draft Annex A to amend 25 *Pa. Code*, § 123.22 (relating to combustion units) to reduce the maximum allowable sulfur content in number 2 (No. 2) and lighter commercial fuel oil, sold for and used in combustion units, from the current limit of 500 parts per million (ppm) of sulfur to 15 ppm. The proposed compliance date is July 1, 2019.

The rulemaking would require No. 2 fuel oil offered for sale, delivered for use, exchanged in trade or used in this Commonwealth to meet the new sulfur limit on and after July 1, 2019. The proposed amendments would achieve additional sulfur dioxide emission reductions, which would assist in reducing regional haze and assuring the protection of public health and welfare and the environment.

The Committee voted 14-0-0 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

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