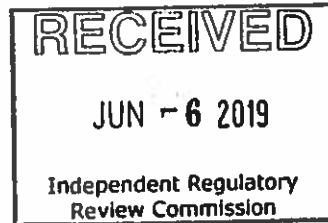


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Re: eComment System

The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Air Quality Fee Schedule Amendments (#7-536).

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Comments entered:

My name is John Berry, and I am writing in support of the PA DEP's proposed Title V permit fee schedule changes.

As a resident of Pittsburgh, I'm keenly aware of the personal cost of poor air quality. We need an Air Quality Program that can do its job quickly and effectively to keep air pollution within legally mandated limits.

I believe we need to fully fund the Air Quality Program in order for it do its job properly. The revenue gap that has been created by the current inadequate fee schedule has led to a reduction in staffing for the Air Quality Program, which in turn increases the time it takes to approve plans and to issue operating permits. Without the proper staffing, the Program cannot respond to citizens' complaints in a timely manner, conduct inspections effectively, or enforce environmental law as intended.

The potential negative impacts to the environment—and public health—are obvious. Not as obvious are potential impacts to our state economy by slowing or altogether preventing businesses from investing in new facilities and modernizing existing ones.

Sincerely,
John Berry

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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