



Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

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John Hanger, Acting Chairman
Environmental Quality Board
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Acting Chairman Hanger:

We are writing to request that the final form regulations approved by the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at the EQB's September 16, 2008 meeting be submitted to the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee **by close of business today – October 7, 2008.** These final form regulations include:

Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards (7-421)
Hazardous Waste Amendments (7-409)
Diesel Vehicle Idling (7-422)
Clean Air Interstate Rule – Repeal

As you know, Senate leadership announced in May that there would be no post-election session this November. Further, scheduled session days for the Senate were announced in August. The last scheduled session day for the Senate is October 8, 2008.

During her confirmation hearing last year, former Secretary Kathleen McGinty pledged that, whenever possible, the Department would submit final form regulations to the standing committees in a manner that ensured the committees had the maximum time available to utilize its options under the Regulatory Review Act. The Department has been reminded of this assurance several times in recent months. We are therefore extremely disappointed in the delay in submitting these regulations to the committee, which appears intended to limit or bypass the options available to the legislature.

We look forward to your prompt response to this request.

Sincerely,


Mary Jo White, Chairman
Senate Environmental Resources
& Energy Committee


Raphael J. Musto, Democratic Chairman
Senate Environmental Resources
& Energy Committee

cc: Governor Rendell
Representative George
Representative Hutchinson
Senator Scarnati