

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Pennsylvania's 2021 Annual Ambient Air Monitoring Network Plan

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Written Comments by the Environmental Health Project

The Environmental Health Project (EHP) appreciates the opportunity to submit these written comments regarding Pennsylvania's 2021 Annual Ambient Air Monitoring Network Plan dated July 1, 2021.

EHP is a nonprofit public health organization that assists and supports residents of Southwestern Pennsylvania and beyond who believe their health has been, or could be, impacted by unconventional oil and gas development. Since 2011 EHP has provided frontline communities with timely monitoring, interpretation, and guidance, while engaging diverse stakeholders, including health professionals, researchers, community organizers, and public servants.

EHP has reviewed the comments submitted by the Clean Air Council and supports those comments. Specifically, EHP believes that the department should incorporate environmental justice consideration into the air monitoring network, that the department should strengthen the air monitoring network in Westmoreland County, and that the department should explain how it uses the air monitoring network to determine reporting and forecasting for the Air Quality Index.

In addition, EHP notes and supports comments from a number of residents in impacted communities regarding the need to strengthen the air monitoring network near large natural gas facilities in Washington County, Beaver County, and Westmoreland County.

Thank you for your consideration of the comments of EHP.

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