# In The Matter Of:

Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control Proposing Amed to 7 DE Admin. Code 1124 Section 26 & 36

> Public Hearing January 8, 2020

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL In the matter of Proposing to Amend 7 DE Admin. Code 1124 Section 26 and Section 36 PUBLIC HEARING DNREC Richardson & Robbins Building DNREC Auditorium 89 Kings Highway Dover, Delaware Wednesday January 8, 2020 6:00 p.m. BEFORE:

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THERESA NEWMAN The Hearing Officer

**APPEARANCES:** 

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Good 2 evening, everyone. If you could please 3 take your seats. We're going to begin 4 tonight's hearing. Please allow the record to 5 6 reflect it is now 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 January 8, 2020. Thank you for taking the time to be here today. We are here this 8 evening to provide a formal platform for 9 10 the State of Delaware's Department of 11 Natural Resources and Environmental Control 12 to receive public comment on the proposed regulatory amendment to 7 DE Admin. 13 14 Code 1124, Control of Volatile Organic 15 Compound Emissions Regulation, sections 26 and 36. 16 17 My name is Theresa Newman, and 18 Secretary Garvin has appointed me to serve as the hearing officer for tonight's formal 19 20 proceeding. 21 There is a sign-in sheet in the back of the room. For those who have not 22 23 signed in, I ask that you please do so, as 24 it is mandatory to have an accurate log of



1	all attendees tonight. Also, please
2	indicate on the sign-in sheet whether or
3	not you would like to provide a comment at
4	tonight's hearing. Those persons offering
5	any comment will be given an opportunity to
б	do so following the brief presentation
7	given by the Department, and those will be
8	recognized by the Hearing Officer in no
9	particular order from the sign-in sheet.
10	With regard to public comment
11	wishing to be offered tonight, there are,
12	as indicates for all DNREC public hearings,
13	formal protocols which must be adhered to
14	in tonight's hearing. Please be advised of
15	the following rules which are in place for
16	the formal proceeding:
17	Please mute and turn off all
18	cell phones for the duration of the
19	proceeding to avoid any disruption. All
20	comments must be limited solely to the
21	subject matter of tonight's hearing. Each
22	person will be granted a total of three
23	minutes to offer comment. There will be a
24	visual timer in place to help everyone be

1	aware of the time remaining while
2	commenting.
3	If you have brought written
4	comments with you tonight, I would ask that
5	you please present those to me after
6	providing your verbal comments so that the
7	same can be entered into the record. If
8	you have brought another person's written
9	comments with you and wish to speak to
10	their comments, you may do so. However,
11	that will be a part of the three-minute
12	time allotment you have with your own
13	comment as well. There will be no yielding
14	of time from one commenter to another. I
15	will ask that you respect the time of each
16	person. Please be respectful and
17	considerate of all comments offered even
18	though some comments may differ in opinion
19	from your own.
20	Also, there will be no Q-and-A
21	session permitted during the course of
22	tonight's formal proceeding. Myself and
23	DNREC staff members are present to
24	facilitate receipt of public comment and



1 not to participate in the proceedings. 2 Lastly, pursuit to the subject matter of this hearing, all comments 3 4 pertinent to the aforementioned proposed amendment will be incorporated into the 5 6 formal hearing record being generated in 7 There's only one authentic this matter. record of the formal proceeding tonight and 8 it is the official court reporter's 9 10 verbatim transcript. 11 The verbatim transcript is being created to memorialize tonight's 12 formal hearing by the court reporter. 13 She 14 can only accurately hear one person's voice 15 at a time. In order to ensure accuracy of 16 the transcript, and to be mindful of the 17 above protocols with the need for order at this oral proceeding, please do not speak 18 while another person is speaking, and do 19 not call out from the audience for any 20 21 reason. 22 It is important to note no 23 decision has already been made by the 24 Department, nor will any decision be made

1	tonight. A record consisting of the
2	transcript of verbal comments given
3	tonight, all written comments submitted
4	prior to the hearing, all exhibits, and my
5	report will be reviewed by the Secretary.
6	The Secretary will ultimately issue an
7	order containing his decision of the
8	proposed amendment and reasons therefore.
9	The hearing record generated in
10	this matter will close 15 days from
11	tonight's hearing on Thursday,
12	January 23rd, 2020. All comments, whether
13	offered verbally tonight or submitted prior
14	to January 23rd in writing, will bear the
15	exact same weight and will be considered
16	equally by the Secretary prior to making
17	his final decision in this matter.
18	With that being said, I'm going
19	to hand it over to Mr. Gao to present for
20	the Division of Air Quality.
21	MR. GAO: Thank you, Theresa.
22	First of all, thank you all for
23	coming. My name is Frank Gao, and I'm the
24	engineer from the planning branch, planning

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1	section of the Division of Air Quality.
2	The purpose of this rule-making
3	action is to update the requirements
4	governing the gasoline-dispensing
5	facilities in 7 DE Admin. Code 1124,
6	Section 26, "Gasoline Dispensing Facility
7	Stage I Vapor Recovery," and Section 36,
8	"Vapor Emission Control at Gasoline
9	Dispensing Facilities."
10	We know that gasoline vapor
11	contains volatile organic compounds, or
12	VOCs, which contribute to summertime smog
13	and also contain certain air toxics. To
14	meet the requirements in the federal Clean
15	Air Act, gasoline stations in Delaware have
16	installed and operated two systems to
17	control gasoline vapor emissions for more
18	than 20 years. One system is called a
19	Stage I vapor recovery system which
20	controls gasoline vapor emissions from
21	gasoline storage tanks during tanker truck
22	gasoline delivery. Another system is
23	called a Stage II system which controls
24	gasoline vapor emissions from vehicles'

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1 fuel tanks when refueling.

2	Since 1998 new vehicles in the
3	U.S. have been required by the Clean Air
4	Act to install an onboard refueling vapor
5	recovery system, ORVR. For these vehicles,
6	the gasoline vapors displaced during the
7	refueling process are controlled through
8	the vehicle's ORVR canister, not through
9	the station's Stage II system. Both
10	Stage II and ORVR systems are effective for
11	controlling gasoline vapor emissions during
12	vehicle refueling. However, the
13	vacuum-assist Stage II systems and the ORVR
14	systems are incompatible. Such
15	incompatibility causes excess vapor
16	emissions from gasoline storage tanks when
17	ORVR-equipped vehicles refuel at
18	Stage II-equipped stations, especially when
19	those gasoline storage tanks are not vapor
20	tight.
21	In May 2012 the U.S.
22	Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA,
23	determined that the ORVR systems were in
24	widespread use nationwide on



1	gasoline-powered vehicles, and EPA issued a
2	final rule to allow gasoline stations to
3	decommission Stage II systems. This final
4	rule aimed at reducing the adverse effects
5	of the functional overlap and
6	incompatibility between the vacuum-assist
7	Stage II systems at gasoline stations and
8	the ORVR systems on vehicles.
9	Since Delaware's Stage II
10	systems are all vacuum-assist systems, the
11	Division is proposing the following
12	amendments to 7 DE Admin. Code 1124:
13	First, to decommission the Stage II systems
14	installed at all Delaware's gasoline
15	stations by December 31, 2021, and, 2, to
16	install enhanced Stage I systems at
17	gasoline stations by December 21, 2025.
18	The Division is also proposing
19	to submit to EPA a revision to the Delaware
20	State Implementation Plan, or SIP,
21	entitled, "Decommissioning Stage II Vapor
22	Recovery Systems and Requiring Stage I
23	Enhanced Vapor Recovery Systems At Gasoline
24	Dispensing Facilities." The objectives of

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1	the proposed SIP revision is to, 1, analyze
2	the regulatory impacts of the above
3	regulation amendments on Delaware's
4	emissions of VOCs, volatile organic
5	compounds, and, 2, demonstrate that the
6	above regulatory amendments meet the
7	anti-backsliding requirements of the
8	federal Clean Air Act, Section 122(b)(2)
9	and Section 110(1).
10	The Division initiated the
11	public involvement process for the proposed
12	amendments in April of 2019 with a series
13	of review committee meetings and public
14	workshops. The Division formed a review
15	committee to gather public input regarding
16	the proposed regulatory changes. The
17	review committee consisted of
18	representatives of the regulated community,
19	that is, gasoline station owners or
20	operators; representatives of testing
21	companies; regional organizations of
22	gasoline distribution industry;
23	environmental organizations; and regulatory
24	agencies.

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1	After incorporating the
2	comments from the review committee and the
3	public workshops, the Department published
4	the proposed amendments to Section 26 and
5	Section 36 and the SIP revision on
б	December 1st, 2019, in the Delaware
7	Register of Regulations for review and
8	comment from the public.
9	The proposed amendments and the
10	SIP revision have been available for public
11	review in the Division's offices in
12	New Castle and Dover since December 1st,
13	2019. A legal notice regarding the
14	availability and publication of the
15	proposed amendments, the SIP revision, and
16	the schedule of today's hearing was
17	announced in the Sunday News Journal and
18	the Delaware State News on Sunday,
19	December 1st, 2019.
20	The Department is now
21	presenting 19 exhibits to the hearing
22	record, as provided in the exhibits
23	listing, which is also available to you on
24	the table in the back of the room.



1 This completes the Department's 2 presentation on the proposed amendments to 7 DE Admin. Code 1124, sections 26 and 36. 3 4 Thank you. 5 THE HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Gao, the exhibits 1 through 19, for the record, 6 7 if you could read those exhibits out loud. MR. GAO: 8 Sure. Here the exhibits we present to the hearing record: 9 10 Exhibit 1, the Start Action 11 Notice approving the planned amendments to 12 7 DE Admin. Code 1124, Section 26 and Section 36. 13 14 Exhibit 2, the affidavits and 15 public hearing notices from the publishers of the Sunday News Journal and the Delaware 16 17 State News for the publication of the 18 Department's legal notice on Sunday, 19 December 1st, 2019. Exhibit 3, the public notice on 20 21 the statewide public meeting calendar, as posted on December 3rd, 2019, announcing 22 23 the January 8, 2020, public hearing for the 24 planned amendments to 7 DE Admin. Code



1 1124, sections 26 and 36. Exhibit 4, the January 7, 2020, 2 e-news update from Delaware's Office of 3 4 Environmental Protection announcing the January 8, 2020, public hearing for the 5 planned amendments to 7 DE Admin. Code 6 7 1124, sections 26 and 36. Exhibit 5, all documents 8 associated with the April 16, 2019, public 9 10 workshop. 11 Exhibit 6, all documents 12 associated with the May 8, 2019, review committee. 13 Exhibit 7, all documents 14 associated with the June 12, 2019, review 15 16 committee. Exhibit 8, all documents 17 associated with the July 17, 2019, review 18 19 committee. Exhibit 9, all documents 20 21 associated with the August 21, 2019, review committee. 22 23 Exhibit 10, all documents 24 associated with the October 15 and 16,



1 2019, public workshops. Exhibit 11, the register notice 2 as published on December 1st, 2019, in the 3 4 Delaware Register of Regulations. Exhibit 12, the proposed 5 amendments to 7 DE Admin. Code 1124, 6 7 Section 26, as published on December 1st, 2019, in Delaware Register of Regulations. 8 Exhibit 13, the proposed 9 10 amendments to 7 DE Admin. Code 1124, 11 Section 36, as published on December 1st, 12 2019, in the Delaware Register of Regulations. 13 Exhibit 14, the regulatory 14 15 flexibility analysis and impact statement 16 form for the proposed amendments to 7 DE Admin. Code 1124, sections 26 and 36. 17 Exhibit 15, the hearing notice 18 19 announcing the January 8, 2020, public hearing for the planned amendments to 7 DE 20 21 Admin. Code 1124, as published on December 1st, 2019, in the Delaware 22 23 Register of Regulations. 24 Exhibit 16, updated versions of



1 the California Air Resource Board's executive orders and Petroleum Equipment 2 Institute's recommended practices for 3 4 installation and testing of vapor recovery systems at vehicle fueling sites, as listed 5 6 in the proposed amendments to 7 DE Admin. 7 Code 1124, Section 36. Exhibit 17, the proposed 8 Delaware SIP revision as published on 9 10 December 1st, 2019, in the Delaware 11 Register of Regulations. 12 Exhibit 18, errata table for 13 non-substantive changes to the proposed amendments to 7 DE Admin. Code 1124, 14 15 Section 36, as published on December 1st, 16 2019, in the Delaware Register of 17 Regulations. Exhibit 19, the technical 18 support document which summarizes technical 19 and cost information in relation to the 20 21 proposed amendments to 7 DE Admin. Code 1124, sections 26 and 36. 22 23 That's all the exhibits. 24 THE HEARING OFFICER: Great.



1 Thank you so much, Mr. Gao. Does that 2 conclude the Department's remarks? MR. GAO: 3 What's that? 4 THE HEARING OFFICER: Does that 5 conclude the Department's remarks? MR. GAO: 6 Yes. 7 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank Please allow the formal record to 8 you. reflect as identified by the Department 9 exhibits 1 through 19 have been entered 10 11 into the record. 12 As the Department has no further remarks, I will now open it up for 13 14 public comment. Those of you who I will be 15 calling on please do remember, there is a three-minute timer that will be set in 16 17 place. He will pull it up on the screen. 18 And as we get to the end of your three minutes, I would like to ask that you 19 please conclude your comments. And again, 20 21 if there is any paper comments that you would like to submit, you can do so, as 22 23 well as you have 15 additional days after 24 this to submit any comments.



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23 was not put in there. I don't understand	23	was not put in there. I don't understand
24 why when it could have been just a short	24	why when it could have been just a short

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1 paragraph to state what needed to be done to perform a static torque test. 2 I realize it's in other documentation, but I don't 3 4 think it's fair to the regulated community 5 who are trying to operate these stations 6 and do not understand all of the language 7 and everything that needs to be done that they now have to search through multiple 8 documentation to find out exactly what 9 10 needs to be tested once their system is 11 decommissioned. 12 So I do hope that maybe you would change your mind after today's 13 14 comment period that maybe you will add a 15 short paragraph to state that a static 16 torque test is required so that the 17 regulated community knows exactly what they 18 have to do, and we as a testing company are 19 not trying to provide more convoluted paperwork to them, to help them to 20 21 understand why we're charging them for 22 additional testing that needs to be 23 completed. 24 Thank you very much.

1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank 2 you. 3 Next we have Josh Worth. 4 MR. WORTH: Is it better to go 5 up? THE HEARING OFFICER: 6 You can 7 do it right there or you can come up. It's 8 up to you. 9 MR. WORTH: My name is 10 Josh Worth, and I am with the environmental 11 department at Wawa Food Markets. Prior to 12 Wawa I was with the board of Pure Air Quality with the Pennsylvania Department of 13 14 Environmental Protection, specializing in 15 Stage I and Stage II vapor recovery. 16 As an air quality specialist, I 17 am always for the reduction of VOCs, but 18 DNREC's requirement for complete CARB 19 phase 1 enhancement recovery system overreaches, with no guaranteed improvement 20 21 in air quality. There is a huge financial amount with no corresponding benefit. 22 We have asked the Division of 23 24 Air Quality for a cost-benefit analysis of



1 the new requirements, but we never received Most state and federal regulatory 2 one. changes require a cost-benefit analysis to 3 4 specify the financial impact versus the environmental benefit. This is done for 5 6 accountability and transparency. 7 Requiring a CARB phase 1 EVR system will cost tank owners from \$35,00 to 8 \$50,000 to replace their current system, 9 10 plus the impact on sales by having to shut 11 down for an extended period of time while 12 the tank field is excavated. There are 13 also costs to require sampling and testing, 14 as well as costs to preparing permit 15 applications for this retrofit work. CARB stands for the California 16 17 Air Resources Board. As the EPA used to 18 look to California for Stage II requirements and not a team in areas 19 throughout the country, but they stopped 20 21 once Stage II became unnecessary and incompatible with ORVR in vehicles. 22 23 Why is Delaware attempting to 24 adopt California's requirements when



1 California still uses Stage II. With Stage II the gasoline vapors that are being 2 returned to the tanks causes 3 4 overpressurization and subsequent releases of gasoline vapors to the atmosphere. 5 Α system without Stage II works under a 6 7 vacuum and in a vapor-tight system. Requiring CARB phase 1 EVR 8 systems significantly overreaches with huge 9 10 financial impacts but very limited 11 environmental benefit. They could require 12 certain EVR components without requiring a station to dig up the entire tank field. 13 14 When I questioned the Division of Air 15 Quality about this, they replied that CARB could only guarantee a 98 percent 16 17 efficiency with all of the components 18 installed. But their system is designed 19 for pressurized tanks with Stage II. That's California. This does not correlate 20 21 to tanks without Stage II in Delaware. 22 I asked DNREC for a breakdown 23 of how many VOCs will be reduced for each individual EVR component. 24 They said that



1 they do not know. Why are tanks being required to dig up their entire tank 2 field -- tank owners -- to replace spill 3 4 buckets with EVR spill buckets when DNREC does not even know if an EVR spill bucket 5 will reduce VOCs in a tank working under 6 7 negative pressure. 8 I guess I can't go -- I can just submit these. 9 10 THE HEARING OFFICER: You can 11 definitely submit the paper copy of the 12 comments. 13 MR. WORTH: The EPA stopped 14 looking at California 15 years ago. Why is Delaware still looking to implement 15 16 requirements that just do not correlate to 17 a non-Stage II environment? I hope DNREC 18 will at least consider a path forward that 19 will not bankrupt tank owners and will present a more sensible option. 20 21 Do you want a copy? 22 THE HEARING OFFICER: Yes. Do 23 you need that copy? MR. WORTH: 24 No.

1 THE HEARING OFFICER: I can mark this copy into the record. 2 Please allow the record to 3 4 reflect the document given by Josh Worth as Worth Exhibit 1. 5 MR. WORTH: That was only a 6 7 portion of it. THE HEARING OFFICER: 8 You may send additional comments if you'd like to. 9 10 It's not necessary to submit these same 11 comments via email, but if you have 12 anything additional, you can surely send 13 those electronically. 14 Next we have Mark Baker. 15 MR. BAKER: So this process 16 started rough back in April, but I'd like to thank Frank and Jim for working with the 17 18 committee. They addressed a lot of our 19 concerns. I do want to say that I don't 20 21 agree with the premise for some of the regulations and I anticipate future 22 23 problems. However, I will start by saying 24 I do support the adoption of the proposed

1 regulation at this time. We must speed up decommissioning, and the only way to do it 2 under the current regs is extremely cost 3 4 prohibitive. And the industry is facing other challenges and we need this 5 flexibility. 6 7 But my concerns about the regulation and the reason I feel it needs 8 to be looked at again moving forward and I 9 10 think very soon, I echo Josh's comments 11 what he says about the complete EVR 12 Our data from Delaware with a systems. 13 continuous pressure monitoring system shows 14 that tanks are almost always under a 15 negative pressure. In the state of a leak 16 alarm, one of its systems was still under a 17 negative pressure 87 percent of the time 18 while this triggering leak alarm causing 19 action at the site, contractor involvement, This does not correspond with 20 et cetera. 21 the assumed base-level emissions that are used to justify the need for the EVR system 22 23 by DNREC.

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A leak in these systems does

1 not equate to emissions or release. The EVR components would work fine without a 2 3 complete CARB system, as Josh mentioned. 4 The other thing is CARB orders are constantly changing. 5 VR-102-R is 6 incorporated by reference in a couple 7 places in the regulations. There's another section that references VR-102-S. 8 But CARB VR-102-T in October. 9 is already released. 10 And I brought as an example, here's a new 11 overfill protection valve by Franklin 12 Fueling System approved for OVW. It was only approved under version T of the 13 14 regulations. So in Delaware this could be 15 the greatest overfill protection device 16 there is, but we can't use it. It's not in 17 the regulations unless you re-open this and go through this process again, public 18 workshops, public hearings, and do this. 19 So I'm extremely disappointed 20 21 that this attempt by Delaware to marry to California is not needed and it will only 22 23 cause regulatory-compliance hardships for 24 all parties, the industry and DNREC, moving

1 forward. So I'm extremely disappointed that DNREC did not follow a more 2 3 straightforward path that would have resulted in no real increase in emissions 4 but would have allowed us to work together 5 better into the future. 6 7 And real quick, on the 8 continuous pressure monitoring, the CARB orders were all updated in these regs. 9 Ι 10 don't even know if the CPM system that I 11 have at my site, one of the test systems, 12 is even in compliance with these new I guess I will have to 13 regulations. 14 decipher CARB to figure that out. 15 But I do support the adoption at this time. 16 THE HEARING OFFICER: 17 Thank 18 you, Mr. Baker. Was there anything that 19 you would like entered into the record? MR. BAKER: I will submit. 20 No. 21 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank 22 you. Lastly we have Ellen Valentino. 23 24 MS. VALENTINO: Good evening.



1	My name's Ellen Valentino. I'm here today
2	on behalf of Mid-Atlantic Petroleum
3	Distributors. I do have something to
4	submit for the record. And just aside, I
5	do think this is a fair comment. I think
6	when you have three people speaking on a
7	regulation that's going to cost an industry
8	collectively millions and millions of
9	dollars, I think the timer could have been
10	put on pause to have a truly come in
11	here and allow people to complete their
12	comments.
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1 with this regulation and others, that DNREC has a responsibility to have a cost-benefit 2 It needs to be transparent in 3 analysis. 4 that, and it needs to be attached and at least presented to the stakeholders for 5 6 comment, because that might even be in 7 That is not included in this disagreement. 8 regulation. Over the past several weeks, 9 10 there continues to be -- and I'm just going 11 to say it -- this issue of not just DNREC but Delaware as a whole, but DNREC and the 12 regulatory burdens on businesses that need 13 to be justified or have a rationale. 14 Have 15 a rationale I think is key. We understand 16 the State has the authority to care for its 17 citizens, care for its environment, and 18 care for the economy of the state. But at the same time, they have a responsibility 19 to be a fair broker to the business 20 21 community, and we again want that noted, mentioned. We will submit this, and, 22 23 again, urge re-opening of the stakeholder 24 meeting to talk about what is a very



1 expensive, new requirement in this proposal that needs to be quantified before its 2 3 implementation date. 4 So thank you very much. THE HEARING OFFICER: 5 Thank Please allow the record to reflect 6 you. 7 the document submitted by Ms. Valentino as Valentino Exhibit No. 1. 8 9 Is there anyone who has signed 10 in that checked that they would not like to 11 comment who would like to provide a comment 12 now? 13 (No response.) 14 THE HEARING OFFICER: As the 15 Department has met the hearing protocols, and there is no further public comment, the 16 record will remain open through 17 January 23rd, 2020, at which time the 18 19 record will then close. I would like to thank you for 20 21 your attendance tonight, and the hearing is now adjourned at 6:32. 22 23 (Hearing was adjourned at 24 6:32 p.m.)



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