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The Honorable Michael L. Krancer  
Acting Secretary  
Department of Environmental Protection  
P.O. Box 2063  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

Dear Acting Secretary Krancer:

On behalf of the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC or Council), I want to thank you for taking the time to meet with us on your first day in office and again at our meeting last week. We appreciate your candor, openness and personal contact and look forward to future opportunities to work together.

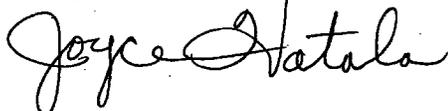
We also appreciated the opportunity for Council's Executive Director to meet with and convey our issues to representatives of Governor Corbett's Transition Team. As a follow-up action to that meeting, Council's Administrative Oversight Committee offers the enclosed white paper on permitting issues, a continuing and growing area of concern from all sides.

DEP's ability to conduct its programs in an efficient and timely manner is clearly linked to environmental, community and economic health. Permitting, inspections, compliance and enforcement are core responsibilities of the Department and the primary vehicles for protecting the environment and public health from the adverse effects of pollution. Permitting is a required component of many economic development activities and as such needs to be a well-managed, timely and efficient process. Any revisions to the permitting process must ensure that all these needs are met and be based on an objective analysis of permitting review and processing data rather than anecdotal complaints. Equally important is the management of effective inspection, compliance assistance and enforcement programs that ensure activities are conducted in conformance with the approved permits.

We understand that the Department is undertaking a review of its permitting processes, and we hope that this paper is useful in initiating a dialog as this

review proceeds. Council stands ready to advise and assist in the further development and implementation of reviews and recommendations in the enclosed report. Please contact Sue Wilson, Council's Executive Director, at 717-787-4527 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Hatala". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joyce Hatala

Chair

Citizens Advisory Council

Enclosure

cc: John Hines  
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