

# CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

Are you concerned about odors and air pollution around the Monroe Refinery in Trainer, PA? On Thursday January 30, 2025 there is an opportunity to share your concerns with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Delaware County, and the entire 5-county Southeast Pennsylvania region, fails the 2015 federal standard for ground-level-



ozone (smog) pollution. Therefore, the DEP must review the pollution control technologies used at large sources of air pollution like the Monroe Refinery. DEP's determination of Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for the Monroe Refinery is currently up for review and residents are encouraged to submit their comments!

**[DEP will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 30, 2025,](#)** at the Marcus Hook Community Center (Curt Weldon Community Center), 7 W. Delaware Avenue, Marcus Hook, PA 19061, from 6:00-8:00 PM. If you'd like to testify at the public hearing, please register with Ms. Stephanie Berardi, Regional

Communications Manager for DEP's Southeast Region, at [sberardi@pa.gov](mailto:sberardi@pa.gov) or 484.250.5808. Speakers must pre-register in order to testify at the hearing. Registration to testify will close at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 27, 2025. You can also contact Amani Reid, Southeast Regional Coordinator, at [amreid@pa.gov](mailto:amreid@pa.gov) or 717-783-1086.

Monroe Refinery refines crude oil into jet fuel, gasoline and diesel fuel as well as propane, butane and heating oil. This facility is a large source of volatile organic compound (VOC) pollution that reacts in heat to form asthma-exacerbating smog. Known carcinogenic VOCs like benzene are emitted from equipment at the Monroe Refinery and should be controlled by regular leak inspections. However, Monroe has operated in High Priority Violation of the Clean Air Act for over three years, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Nearby residents frequently report malodors that likely contain harmful pollutants from the Monroe Refinery, and they are entitled to information about Monroe's required leak inspections. Inspection reports disclose how many leaks Monroe discovers during regular inspections and how successful are Monroe's repair attempts.

DEP recognizes Trainer, PA as an Environmental Justice-area deserving additional public health protection. If you are a resident impacted by odors, pollution, and environmental health concerns, please attend this hearing on January 30th! If you are able, please register to speak at the hearing as well. Residents can also **[click here to submit an official comment to the DEP](#)** no later than February 7th.

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