

**Resolution #1053 (04/21/2009)**

***Avalon Borough Council***

Whereas, Allegheny County companies release over six million pounds annually of toxic chemicals into our air, and

Whereas, Allegheny County remains one of the top ranked counties in the U.S. for the release of toxic chemicals into our air, and

Whereas, over 77,000 adults and 23,000 children in Allegheny County suffer from asthma, and

Whereas, a recent study by ACHD and Carnegie Mellon University has found that local pollution sources result in some Allegheny County communities experiencing high levels of toxic chemicals in their air, and

Whereas, the existing Air Toxics Guidelines that the Allegheny County Health Department uses is over twenty years old, and

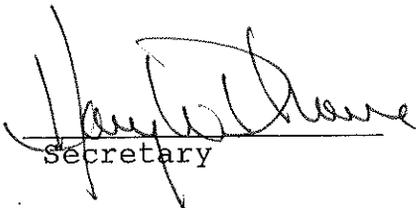
Whereas, the proposed revisions to the Air Toxics Guidelines would provide an updated scientific basis on limits to air toxics and provide clarifications to permitting procedures, and

Whereas, the proposed revisions to the Air Toxics Guidelines contain appropriate exemptions for small businesses that use small quantities of hazardous substances, and

Whereas, the proposed revisions to the Air Toxics Guidelines would protect all neighborhoods from being burdened with too many local pollution sources through enacting a cumulative impact provision.

***Therefore, Avalon Borough Council resolves that,***

Allegheny County Council shall communicate to the Board of Health of the Allegheny County Health Department the Avalon's Council's support of the proposed revisions to the Air Toxics Guidelines, and requesting that the revisions to the Air Toxics Guidelines be enacted as the official policy of the Air Quality Program of the Allegheny County Health Department.

  
Secretary

  
President of Council

April 21, 2009