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Subject: Exposures to Air Pollutants during Pregnancy and Preterm Delivery

Dear Committee members:

We would like to bring to your attention the following paper from Environmental Health Perspectives:

Exposures to Air Pollutants during Pregnancy and Preterm Delivery

<http://www.ehponline.org/members/2006/8733/8733.pdf>

The authors found a relationship between air pollutants (NO_x, PM 10, NO₂, and SO₂) and "preterm delivery" (premature birth).

"In conclusion, our study showed that relatively low concentrations of air pollution under current air quality standards during pregnancy may contribute to an increased risk of PTD."

I don't need to note that Delaware has been reported to have the highest incidence of "infant mortality" in the US, and "preterm delivery" would be a contributing factor.

We think this further illustrates the need for the strongest possible action against these pollutants.

I am specifically seeking a response from the Division of Public Health.

Yours very truly,

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