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**DEP RESCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING ON
SUPERIOR TUBE AIR QUALITY PERMIT REVISION**

Information Available Online for Public Review, Comment

NORRISTOWN — The Department of Environmental Protection has rescheduled a public hearing for proposed changes to Superior Tube Company's air permit for 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the Perkiomen Valley Middle School East auditorium, 100 Kagey Road, Collegeville.

Superior Tube Company's proposal will reduce trichloroethylene, or TCE, emissions by 7.4 tons per year. The company plans to remove one degreaser from service, which had previously emitted 13.4 tons of TCE per year, then increase the emissions of two smaller degreasing booths for a combined increase of 6 tons per year.

Public comments on this proposal will be accepted until Friday, Sept. 7. Area residents and interested parties can mail written comments to DEP Air Quality Program Manager Francine Carlini at 2 East Main St., Norristown, PA 19401, or send comments via e-mail to:

fcarlini@state.pa.us.

Parties may also present oral comments at the Aug. 8 public hearing. Those wishing to present testimony at the hearing should contact DEP Community Relations Coordinator Lynda Rebarchak at (484) 250-5820 to register.

This project represents an 8-percent reduction in TCE emissions from Superior Tube. The company is also implementing another project involving the reformulation of

production material. The reformulation is expected to result in a 22 percent reduction in TCE emissions.

Combined, both projects should produce a 30-percent decrease in TCE emissions this year. Superior Tube has committed to continue its voluntary emission reduction efforts, planning to reduce TCE emissions by another 30 percent in the next few years.

Residents and interested parties are reminded that DEP's Southeast Region Web page offers information about Collegeville area air monitoring activities, the latest news on TCE emissions and documents on the topic.

DEP created the Web page as a resource for area residents and local officials following the February 2007 public meeting on the agency's area air monitoring. The [Web page site](#) can be accessed at www.depweb.state.pa.us, keyword: "Collegeville."

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