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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

August 24, 2000

Honorable James M. Seif, Chairman
Environmental Quality Board
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market Street, 16th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #7-338 (IRRC #1975)
Environmental Quality Board
Water Quality

Dear Chairman Seif:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on August 24, 2000. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Nyce".

Robert E. Nyce
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Arthur D. Hershey, Majority Chairman, House Environmental Resources & Energy Committee
Honorable Camille George, Democratic Chairman, House Environmental Resources & Energy Committee
Honorable Mary Jo White, Chairman, Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee
Honorable Raphael J. Musto, Minority Chairman, Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee
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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held August 24, 2000

John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman, by Proxy
Arthur Coccodrilli
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Regulation No. 7-338
Environmental Quality Board
Water Quality

On August 11, 1998, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (EQB). This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapters 92, 93, 95 and 97 and adds a new Chapter 96. The proposed regulation was published in the August 29, 1998 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 60-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on August 1, 2000.

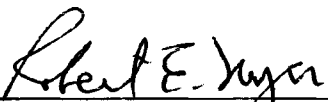
This regulation implements recommendations developed through the Regulatory Basics Initiative and serves as the Commonwealth's triennial review of water quality standards as required by federal law. The regulation streamlines and clarifies existing requirements. It updates the regulations to be consistent with federal requirements. It also consolidates certain chapters.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the EQB (35 P.S. §§ 691.5(b)(1) and 691.402, and 71 P.S. § 510-20) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.





Robert E. Nyce, Executive Director