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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
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November 15, 2001

Honorable David E. Hess, Chairman  
Environmental Quality Board  
Rachel Carson State Office Building  
400 Market Street, 16th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Regulation #7-346 (IRRC #2058)  
Environmental Quality Board  
Solvent Cleaning Operations

Dear Chairman Hess:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on November 15, 2001. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at [www.irrc.state.pa.us](http://www.irrc.state.pa.us).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. McGinley, Jr.", written over a printed name and title.

John R. McGinley, Jr.

Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Arthur D. Hershey, Majority Chairman, House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

Honorable Camille George, Democratic Chairman, House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

Honorable Mary Jo White, Chairman, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

Honorable Raphael J. Musto, Minority Chairman, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 15, 2001

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Regulation No. 7-346  
Environmental Quality Board  
Solvent Cleaning Operations

On August 17, 1999, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (EQB). This rulemaking amends Section 121.1 of 25 Pa. Code Chapter 121 and rewrites Section 129.63 of 25 Pa. Code Chapter 129. The proposed regulation was published in the August 28, 1999 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 60-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on September 21, 2001. The EQB, by letter received October 3, 2001, withdrew the regulation. The EQB resubmitted a revised final-form regulation on October 19, 2001.

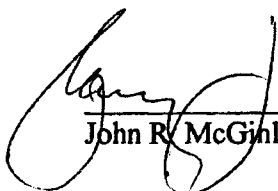
This regulation updates equipment requirements for the operation of solvent cleaning machines to make them consistent with current technology. It also specifies improved operating practices and establishes specific volatility limits for solvents used in cold cleaning machines. The intent of the regulation is to reduce VOCs that are emitted from solvent cleaning operations as part of Pennsylvania's plan to achieve and maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone in Pennsylvania.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the EQB (35 P.S. § 4005) 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.



  
John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman