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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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July 11, 2002

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

Re: Regulation #7-368 (IRRC #2214)
Environmental Quality Board
Safe Drinking Water

Dear Chairman Hess:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on July 11, 2002.
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 meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Harbison, III
Acting 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 July 11, 2002

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Regulation No.7-368
Environmental Quality Board
Safe Drinking Water

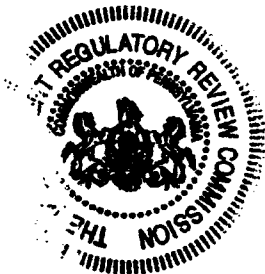
On August 28, 2001, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (EQB). This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapter 109 . The proposed regulation was published in the September 8, 2001 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 60-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 11, 2002.


This regulation incorporates new provisions contained in three federal rulemakings. The amendments are needed for the Department of Environmental Protection to retain primary enforcement authority of drinking water. This regulation makes changes in four areas. First, it requires community water systems to provide their customers an annual consumer confidence report on the quality of their drinking water. Second, it changes the public notification requirements used to alert consumers to potential health risks from violations of drinking water standards. Third, it reduces the regulatory burden of community and nontransient noncommunity water systems regarding lead and copper. Finally, it corrects minor deficiencies to satisfy outstanding primacy issues of the Environmental Protection Agency.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the EQB (Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act, 35 P.S. §721.4(a) and sections 1917-A and 1920-A of the Administrative Code of 1929, 71 P.S. §§ 510-7 and 510-20(b)) 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 J. Harbison, III, Acting Chairman