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February 26, 2004

Honorable Kathleen A. McGinty, Chairperson
Environmental Quality Board
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market Street, 15th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17105


Re: Regulation #7-382 (IRRC #2330)
Environmental Quality Board
Safe Drinking Water; Filter Backwash Recycling Rule (FBRR)

Dear Chairperson McGinty:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our Order is enclosed and will be 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,


John R. McGinley, Jr.
Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable William F. Adolph, Jr., 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 February 26, 2004

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Regulation No. 7-382
Environmental Quality Board
Safe Drinking Water; Filter Backwash
Recycling Rule (FBRR)

On February 21, 2003, 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 March 8, 2003 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on January 13, 2004.

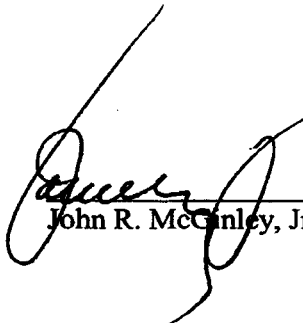
This regulation requires public water systems to review their recycling practices and institute changes, as needed, for the recycling of water contaminated by the treatment process.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Environmental Quality Board (35 P.S. § 721.4(a)) 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., Esq., Chairman