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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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April 2, 2009

Honorable John Hanger, Acting Chairman
Environmental Quality Board
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market Street, 16th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Regulation #7-412 (IRRC #2633)
Environmental Quality Board
Safe Drinking Water - General Update

Dear Acting Chairman Hanger:

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,

Kim Kaufman
Executive Director
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Mary Jo White, Chair, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
Honorable Raphael J. Musto, Chair, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
Honorable Camille George, Chair, House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
Honorable Scott E. Hutchinson, Chair, House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held April 2, 2009

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Regulation No. 7-412 (#2633)
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On August 16, 2007, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (Board). This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapter 109. The proposed regulation was published in the September 1, 2007 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on February 27, 2009.


This regulation revises and updates existing rules for public water systems in three ways. First, it incorporates necessary federal requirements needed to obtain or maintain primacy for provisions related to five key segments of the federal Safe Drinking Water program. Second, it improves data quality and modernizes reporting requirements. Third, it clarifies and coordinates requirements with other existing provisions in order to improve compliance.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the 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.





Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman