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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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February 25, 2010

Honorable John Hanger, Chairman
Environmental Quality Board
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market Street, 16th Floor
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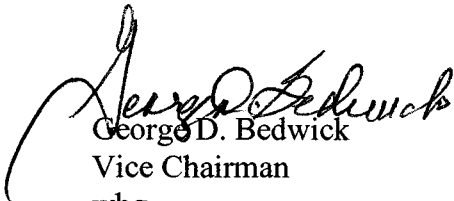
Re: Regulation #7-434 (IRRC #2770)
Environmental Quality Board
Environmental Laboratory Accreditation

Dear 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,



George D. Bedwick
Vice Chairman

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Enclosure

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

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held February 25, 2010

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Regulation No. 7-434 (#2770)
Environmental Quality Board
Environmental Laboratory Accreditation

On June 5, 2009, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (Board). This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapter 252. The proposed regulation was published in the June 20, 2009 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on January 25, 2010.

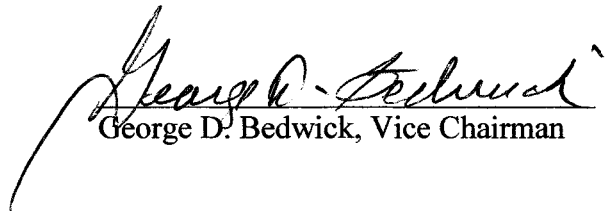
This final-form regulation updates existing regulations to address provisions that are unclear, overly restrictive or cost prohibitive.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (27 Pa. C.S. §§ 4103(a), 4104(1) and 4105(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.




George D. Bedwick, Vice Chairman