

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held September 18, 2014

John F. Mizner, Esq., Chairman
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Regulation No. 7-480 (#3017)
Environmental Quality Board
Regulated Medical and Chemotherapeutic
Waste

On August 5, 2013, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (EQB). This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapters 271, 272, 273, 284, 285, 287, 288 and 299. The proposed regulation was published in the August 24, 2013 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on August 29, 2014.

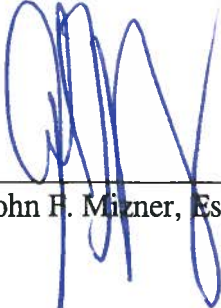
This final-form regulation updates the Department of Environmental Protection's regulated medical and chemotherapeutic waste provisions to make them consistent with federal requirements, including clarifying and streamlining the storage, transportation and shipment requirements for regulated medical waste; allowing the use of electronic tracking systems to record the proper processing and disposal of regulated medical waste; and allowing the transportation of regulated medical waste through the United States Postal Service.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of EQB (35 P.S. §§ 6018.102 and 104, 35 P.S. §§ 6019.2(b) and 4(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.





John F. Mizner, Esq., Chairman