

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held June 18, 2020

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
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Regulation No. 7-542 (#3206)
Environmental Quality Board
Unconventional Well Permit Application Fee
Amendments

On July 2, 2018, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (EQB). This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapter 78a. The proposed regulation was published in the July 14, 2018 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on August 13, 2018. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on February 14, 2020.

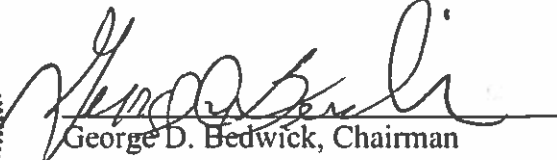
This final-form rulemaking increases the well permit application fees to \$12,500 for all unconventional well permit applications. It also removes the definitions of “nonvertical unconventional well” and “vertical unconventional well” from EQB’s existing regulations on unconventional wells.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of EQB (58 Pa.C.S. § § 3211(d), 3274 and 71 P.S. § 510-20) 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, Chairman