

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held July 21, 2022

George D. Bedwick, Chairman  
John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman  
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Regulation No. 7-565 (#3318)  
Environmental Quality Board  
Coal Refuse Disposal Revisions

On October 20, 2021, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (EQB). This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapters 88 and 90. The proposed regulation was published in the November 6, 2021 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on December 6, 2021. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 16, 2022.

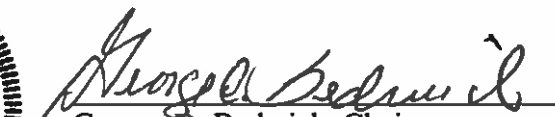
This final-form regulation implements Act 74 of 2019 which addresses the differences between the Commonwealth's regulations and Federal regulations relating to temporary cessation of operations at coal refuse disposal sites. It also clarifies provisions related to the design of coal refuse disposal sites.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the EQB (35 P.S. § 691.5, 52 P.S. § 30.53b and 52 P.S. § 1396.4b(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, Chairman