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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

March 11, 1999

Honorable James M. Seif, Chairman  
Environmental Quality Board  
Rachel Carson State Office Building  
400 Market Street, 16th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: IRRC Regulation #7-320 (#1836)  
Environmental Quality Board  
Control of VOCs from Gasoline Dispensing Facilities (Stage II)

Dear Chairman Seif:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its March 11, 1999 public meeting. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at <http://www.irrc.state.pa.us>.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alvin C. Bush".

Alvin C. Bush  
Vice Chairman

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Enclosure  
cc: Sharon Freeman  
Barbara Sexton

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Commissioners Present:

Public Meeting Held March 11, 1999

Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman  
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Environmental Quality Board  
Control of VOCs from Gasoline  
Dispensing Facilities (Stage II)

Regulation No. 7-320

## BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

On April 21, 1997, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board. This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code § 129.82. The authority for this regulation is 35 P.S. § 4005. The proposed regulation was published in the May 3, 1997 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 60-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on February 9, 1999.

This regulation implements gasoline dispensing vapor control requirements for most gasoline dispensing facilities in seven southwestern Pennsylvania counties (Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland). The amendments are a part of the overall ozone reduction strategy required to comply with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard. Controlling Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) will reduce ozone because VOCs are one of the precursors to the formation of ozone in the atmosphere.

We have reviewed this regulation and find it to be in the public interest. This regulation will help move the southwestern Pennsylvania counties toward compliance with the federally required standard for ozone.

## THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Regulation No. 7-320 from the Environmental Quality Board, as submitted to the Commission on February 9, 1999, is approved; and
2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau.

  
Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman

