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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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October 5, 2000

Honorable Samuel E. Hayes, Jr., Secretary
Department of Agriculture
211 Agriculture Building
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #2-124 (IRRC #2087)
Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Land Conservation Assistance Grant Program

Dear Secretary Hayes:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on October 5, 2000. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at 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 black ink, appearing to read "Alvin C. Bush".

Alvin C. Bush
Vice Chairman
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Raymond Bunt, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee
Honorable Italo S. Cappabianca, Democratic Chairman, House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee
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Honorable Patrick J. Stapleton, Minority Chairman, Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee
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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held October 5, 2000

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Regulation No. 2-124
Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Land Conservation
Assistance Grant Program

On January 24, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Agriculture (Department). This rulemaking amends 7 Pa. Code Chapter 138h. The proposed regulation was published in the February 5, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on September 14, 2000.

The Department is amending its regulations governing the Agricultural Land Conservation Assistance Grant Program to eliminate ambiguities and unnecessary language.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department of Agriculture (3 P.S. § 1207.3) 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.





Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman