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Scott Schalles  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
333 Market St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Schalles:

This letter is in response to the Department of Agriculture's proposed regulation to establish Chapter 130d (relating to application of soil and groundwater containing agricultural chemicals to agricultural lands).

While I believe the department is serious about protecting the environment from agricultural chemicals and accidental spills, I think this regulation is far in excess of what the legislature intended in drafting the bill. The complicated procedure proposed here will only result in farmers not reporting and not complying. Rather than the proposed regulation, I believe a better idea would be to send it back to the drawing board and allow the department to simplify the process.

I strongly support the department's commitment to the safe reuse of soil and groundwater containing agricultural chemicals generated as a result of remediation activities. However, I hope a simpler plan can be generated for how to accomplish this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Daley  
Democratic Chairman  
House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

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