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

June 24, 2004

Honorable Dennis C. Wolff, Secretary Department of Agriculture 211 Agriculture Building 2301 North Cameron Street Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #2-116 (IRRC #2267) Department of Agriculture Application of Soil and Groundwater Contaminated with Agricultural Chemicals to Agricultural Lands

Dear Secretary Wolff:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our Order is enclosed and will be available on our website at <u>www.irrc.state.pa.us</u>.

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

Sincerely,

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Chairman evp Enclosure cc: Honorable Arthur D. Hershey, Majority Chairman, House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Honorable Peter J. Daley, II, Democratic Chairman, House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Honorable Mike Waugh Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

Honorable Mike Waugh, Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Honorable Michael A. O'Pake, Minority Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

## INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held June 24, 2004

John R. McGinley, Jr., Esq., Chairman Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman, by Phone Daniel F. Clark, Esq. Arthur Coccodrilli Murray Ufberg, Esq., by Phone Regulation No. 2-116 Department of Agriculture Application of Soil and Groundwater Contaminated with Agricultural Chemicals to Agricultural Lands

On April 10, 2002, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Agriculture. This rulemaking adds Chapter 130d to 7 Pa. Code. The proposed regulation was published in the April 20, 2002 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 17, 2004.

This final-form regulation establishes the procedures to apply soil and groundwater contaminated with agricultural chemicals to agricultural land, as required by Act 2 of 1995 (Act 2). This regulation only applies to contaminated soil and groundwater collected in an approved Act 2 remediation effort at an agricultural chemical facility.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department of Agriculture (35 P.S. § 6026.904(d)) 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.



Esq., Chairman