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Honorable Allen D. Biehler, P.E., Secretary
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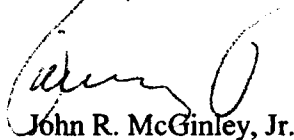
Re: Regulation #18-385 (IRRC #2347)
Department of Transportation
Vehicle Equipment and Inspection

Dear Secretary Biehler:

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

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

Sincerely,



John R. McGinley, Jr.

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Richard A. Geist, Majority Chairman, House Transportation Committee
Honorable Keith R. McCall, Democratic Chairman, House Transportation Committee
Honorable Roger A. Madigan, Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee
Honorable J. Barry Stout, Minority Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 20, 2003

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Regulation No. 18-385
Department of Transportation
Vehicle Equipment and Inspection

On August 12, 2003, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Transportation (Department). This rulemaking amends 67 Pa. Code §§ 175.42 and 175.80. The proposed regulation was published in the August 23, 2003 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 30, 2003.

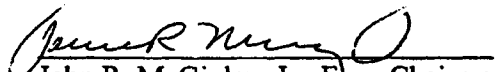
This regulation adds inspection for the presence of appropriate emissions control components to the existing annual safety inspection in Chapter 175. The regulation applies to the 42 counties not currently subject to the emissions inspection program under Chapter 177. The amendments also eliminate the requirement for inspection stations to send copies of inspection reports to the Department.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (75 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 4103, 4702 and 6103) 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.




John R. McGinley, Jr., Esq., Chairman