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February 15, 2005

John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th Floor, Harristown 2
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman McGinley:

The Professional Licensure Committee held a meeting on February 15, 2005, to consider the following:

Regulation 16A-478 – Proposed rulemaking of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists relating to biennial renewal fees and examination fees. The committee voted to take no formal action until the final regulation is promulgated. The committee submits the following comments:

1. The committee recommends that the board add language to the regulation which states that the testing organization will set the fee and that applicants will pay the fee directly to the testing organization.

The committee believes such an addition is necessary not only to put applicants on notice that a fee exists, but to satisfy Section 9 of the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law, which requires the board to set fees for examination by regulation.

2. Given that the testing organization administers the exam and not the board, the committee seeks clarification from the board that Section 27.16 (c) does not need to be amended. Section 37.16(c) sets forth the locations where the examination will be held, as well as its frequency.

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Please feel free to contact my office if any questions should arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas P. Gannon".

Thomas P. Gannon
Chairman
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