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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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December 1, 2005

Honorable Kathleen A. McGinty, Chairperson
Environmental Quality Board
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market Street, 16th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Regulation #7-392 (IRRC #2454)
Environmental Quality Board
Environmental Laboratory Accreditation

Dear Chairperson McGinty:

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,

Alvin C. Bush
Acting Chairman
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Mary Jo White, Chairman, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
Honorable Raphael J. Musto, Minority Chairman, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
Honorable William F. Adolph, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
Honorable Camille George, Democratic Chairman, House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held December 1, 2005

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Regulation No. 7-392
Environmental Quality Board
Environmental Laboratory Accreditation

On January 5, 2005, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board. This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapters 78, 109 and 252. The proposed regulation was published in the January 22, 2005 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 26, 2005.

This regulation implements Act 90 of 2002 which requires establishment of an environmental laboratory accreditation program.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Environmental Quality Board (27 Pa.C.S. § 4105(a)) 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, Acting Chairman