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

December 15, 2005

Michael Krancer, Chairman
Environmental Hearing Board
400 Market Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #106-8 (IRRC #2472)
Environmental Hearing Board
Practice and Procedure

Dear Chairman Krancer:

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
Vice 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 15, 2005

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Regulation No. 106-8
Environmental Hearing Board
Practice and Procedure

On March 29, 2005, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Hearing Board (Board). This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapter 1021. The proposed regulation was published in the April 9, 2005 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on November 10, 2005.


The regulation amends the Board's procedural rules to make them similar to rules of practice before the courts of common pleas and the federal district courts.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (35 P.S. § 7515(c)) 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, Vice Chairman