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November 3, 2005

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

Re: Regulation #2-147 (IRRC #2473)
Department of Agriculture
Nutrient Management Certification

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 www.irc.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., Esq.

Chairman

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Enclosure

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

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 3, 2005

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Regulation No. 2-147
Department of Agriculture
Nutrient Management Certification

On March 30, 2005, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Agriculture (Department). This rulemaking amends 7 Pa. Code Chapter 130b. 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 September 28, 2005.

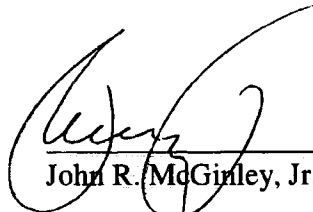
This regulation updates and revises the Department's nutrient management certification program which trains and certifies individuals to develop and review nutrient management plans.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (3 Pa.C.S.A. § 508(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.





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