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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 333 Market Street, 14th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101

August 7, 2008

Honorable Jeffrey A. Beard, Ph.D., Secretary Department of Corrections 2520 Lisburn Road P. O. Box 598 Camp Hill, PA 17011

Re: Regulation #19-7 (IRRC #2544) Department of Corrections County Correctional Institutions

Dear Secretary Beard:

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

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

Sincerely,

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Chairman wbg Enclosure

cc: Honorable Stewart J. Greenleaf, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee Honorable Jay Costa, Jr., Minority Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee Honorable Thomas R. Caltagirone, Majority Chairman, House Judiciary Committee Honorable Ronald S. Marsico, Minority Chairman, House Judiciary Committee

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held August 7, 2008

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman, by Phone Nancy Sabol Frantz, Esq., by Phone, Abstained Karen A. Miller John F. Mizner, Esq.

Regulation No. 19-7 (#2544) Department of Corrections County Correctional Institutions

On June 9, 2006, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Corrections (Department). This rulemaking amends 37 Pa. Code Chapter 95. The proposed regulation was published in the June 24, 2006 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on July 3, 2008.

This final rulemaking updates the Department's existing regulations for county prisons and makes the minimum standards contained in the regulation consistent with recognized professional standards. It also establishes a formalized inspection and hearing process.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (71 P.S. § 186 and 61 P.S. § 460.3(3)) 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.



Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman