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Independent Regulatory Review Commission 333 Market Street, 14th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120

> RE: NOTICE OF FINAL REGULATION

> > **Department of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry** 7 Pa. Code Chapter 130f.

Odor Management Certification Program

I.D. No. 2-155

Proposed Rulemaking: 37 Pennsylvania Bulletin 5793 (October 27, 2007)

Approved by Office of General Counsel: May 14, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find attached a copy of the List of Commentators for the above-referenced final-form regulation and the actual comment submitted. This was inadvertently left out of the final-form regulation package you received this morning (Preamble, Comment and Response document and Annex "A"). Please be aware that the Department, on this same date, sent a copy of the finalform regulation to all commentators pursuant to 71 P.S. § 745.5a(b).

I have also faxed a copy of attached List of Commentators to the Majority and Minority Chairman of the House and Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committees on this date and the Department will hand deliver the List of Commentators as well.

I apologize for the inadvertent omission.

Sincerely.

Assistant Counsel

Attachment

List of Commentators

Final Form Regualtion

Department of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry 7 Pa. Code Chapter 130f. Odor Management Certification Program

There was one commentator for this regulation, listed below. We have attached a copy of the actual comment to this document.

Commentator:

William C. Fink Country View Family Farms 6360 Flank Drive, Suite 100 Harrisburg, PA 17112-2766 (717) 725-0105 November 21, 2007

Johan E. Berger Department of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry 2301 North Cameron Street Room G 11 Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Mr. Berger

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed odor management certification program regulations. The regulations seem to be workable because the proposed odor management certification process is similar to the successful nutrient management certification program.

Comments on the proposed odor management certification program regulations:

§ 130f.3. Fees. The Odor Management Regulations only apply to New and Expanding Concentrated Animal Operation (CAOs) and Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFOs) and Voluntary agricultural operation. This is a relatively small pool of operations requiring the services of an Oder Management Specialist thus not provide much financial opportunity for the Commercial Odor Management Specialist. The current pool Nutrient Management Specialists have the most experience working with CAO and CAFO and will likely be the future Oder Management Specialist (OMS). In order to make becoming an OMS more attractive to NMS it is suggested that fourth level of certification fees be added. It is suggested that a \$100 fee for NMS that complete the OMS certification process. All the certification requirements would remain the same just a lower fee would be charged to NMS who are already in the Departments administrative system. The lower certification fee may make it more finically attractive for NMS to become OMS.

§ 130f.11. Determination of competence. The regulations require that for final certification, a commercial odor management specialist is required to development two approved odor management plans. Due to the number of operations that will be required to develop Oder Management Plans (OMPs) it is suggested the Department consider dropping this requirement to One. Another alternative could be that the Department provides certification training program with simulated operations. The commercial odor management specialist would then develop an OMPs for these simulated operations, the simulated OMPs could then be reviewed and if developed correctly would count toward final certification.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on these regulations.

Sincerely

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