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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

August 18, 2009

Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
ATTN: Kim Kaufman, Executive Director  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**RE: EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING  
Department of Agriculture  
7 Pa. Code Chapters 59 and 59a  
Milk Sanitation  
I.D. No. 2-160**

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

The Department of Agriculture recently provided notice of its intention to rescind the current regulation at 7 Pa. Code Chapter 59 (relating to milk sanitation) and establish a new Chapter 59a (relating to milk sanitation). This notice was published in the August 1, 2009 edition of the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* (at 39 Pa.B. 4677); and provided for a 30-day public comment period on this proposed regulation. The proposed regulation was delivered to your office on July 21, 2009.

The Department of Agriculture has since decided to *extend* this public comment period by an additional 30 days, so that *the total public comment period shall be 60 days*. This public comment period began on August 1, 2009 and will run through September 30, 2009. Formal notice of this extended public comment period will be published in the August 29, 2009 edition of the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, and will be further disseminated among the regulated community.

The Department of Agriculture will provide you with any assistance you require to facilitate a thorough review of this proposed regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dwight Jared Smith".

Dwight Jared Smith  
Assistant Counsel