## INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held January 16, 2014

George D. Bedwick, Vice Chairman John F. Mizner, Esq. Lawrence J. Tabas, Esq. Dennis A. Watson, Esq. Regulation No. 16A-4711 (#2926) State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists Qualifications For Licensure

On December 15, 2011, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code §§ 37.1, 37.16, 37.17, 37.31-37.33, 37.33a, 37.34, 37.36, 37.36a, 37.37, 37.47-37.49 and 37.57. The proposed regulation was published in the December 31, 2011 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on November 22, 2013.

This regulation establishes a two-step licensing process for professional geologists similar to that for engineers and land surveyors, and conforms the Board's other regulations related to qualification for licensure to current administrative practice.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists (63 P.S. §§ 151.4(b), 151.4(l), 151.2, 151.3 and 151.4) 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.

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John F. Mizner, Commissioner