

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held April 4, 2013

Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman
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Regulation No. 7-479 (#2986)
Environmental Quality Board
Emergency Response Planning at
Unconventional Well Sites

On February 22, 2013, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (Board). This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapter 78. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation. Governor Tom Corbett certified the regulation as necessary to meet an emergency on December 27, 2013. The regulation was published in the January 26, 2013, *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and became effective on the same date, with the following exceptions: § 78.55(f)(3) became effective on February 25, 2013; § 78.55(f)(4) will be effective on July 25, 2013; and § 78.55(f)(5) will be effective on April 26, 2013.

The regulation implements Act 9 of 2012, which established emergency response requirements for unconventional well operations in Pennsylvania.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7321) 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.



Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman