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Comments regarding 7PA Code Ch 137b – PA Bulletin, 42, 4344 Published August 3, 2013.

Proposed Rulemaking, Department of Agriculture, Preferential Assessment of Farmland and Forest Land under the Clean & Green Act.

On Page 17, 137b.53 – Calculation and recalculation of preferential assessment.

This section should contain a provision for acreage corrections. With the oil & gas industry, many surveys have been done resulting in additional acreage to the property owner. New deeds are recorded or surveys recorded with no amendment to the Clean & Green application. This creates a missing link when looking into the history of a property's acreages. The end result is a Clean & Green application with acreage B, and a deed with acreage A. However, there are acreage corrections for other reasons as well so it should not be tied into a new survey; it should be tied into any acreage correction.

Respectfully Submitted:

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