

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held May 28, 2015

John F. Mizner, Esq., Chairman
George D. Bedwick, Vice Chairman
W. Russell Faber
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Regulation No. 2-159 (#3015)
Department of Agriculture
Preferential Assessment of Farmland and
Forest Land under the Clean and Green Act

On July 19, 2013, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Agriculture (Department). This rulemaking amends 7 Pa. Code Chapter 137b. The proposed regulation was published in the August 3, 2013 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on April 16, 2015.

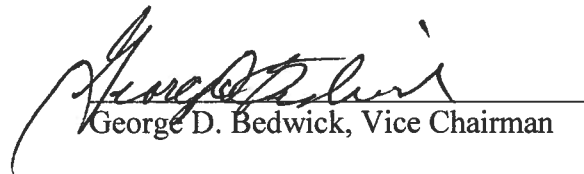
This final regulation implements statutory changes made to the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974, commonly referred to as the Clean and Green Act, over the last 10 years. It also adds language to assist in the administration of the Clean and Green Program.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (72 P.S. § 5490.11) 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.




George D. Bedwick, Vice Chairman