

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held April 21, 2016

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman, dissenting
W. Russell Faber, dissenting
Murray Ufberg, Esq.
Dennis A. Watson, Esq.

Regulation No. 7-484 (#3042)
Environmental Quality Board
Environmental Protection Performance
Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites

On December 4, 2013, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (EQB). This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code (Chapter 78). The proposed regulation was published in the December 14, 2013 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 60-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on March 3, 2016.

This regulation updates requirements regarding surface activities associated with the development of oil and gas wells and contains new environmental protections.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of EQB (2012 Oil and Gas Act; Clean Streams Law; Solid Waste Management Act; Dam Safety and Encroachments Act; Pennsylvania Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act; Radiation Protection Act; and Unconventional Well Report Act) 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, Chairman