



**MEMO**

**TO** Independent Regulatory Review Commission

**FROM** Laura Edinger, Regulatory Coordinator

**DATE** March 3, 2016

**RE** Commentators Requesting Additional Information for Final Rulemaking – Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites (IRRC #3042)

The Department of Environmental Protection has taken action to ensure that all commentators for this rulemaking receive additional information and notifications. We took this action to ensure that the requirement is met to provide additional information to those who request it. Given the interest in this regulation, every commentator, for whom we have an email or postal address, received notification that the rulemaking was submitted to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) and will also receive notification that the rulemaking was submitted to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC). Included in these notifications is a description of how to access the final rulemaking. For the EQB delivery, commentators were notified how to access the EQB's webpage. For the IRRC delivery, commentators will be directed to IRRC's webpage and will be provided the regulation number and directions as to how to access the final rule.

Postcard templates for both the EQB and IRRC deliveries are attached. The language included on the postcards will be emailed to those commentators who provided email addresses.

Attachment

Notification for Independent Regulatory Review Commission Submittal

**RE: Final Rulemaking – Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites (25 Pa Code Chapters 78 and 78a)**

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) has approved the Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites final rulemaking and the rulemaking has been submitted for consideration to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) as well as the Pennsylvania House and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committees. This final-form regulation is tentatively scheduled to be considered by IRRC at its public meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2016.

All documents included as part of the final rulemaking package are available on IRRC's webpage. You may access these documents by visiting: [http://www.irrc.state.pa.us/regulations/find\\_a\\_regulation.cfm](http://www.irrc.state.pa.us/regulations/find_a_regulation.cfm). In the IRRC# box, type in 3042 and click the Search button. Then select Final Regulation.

Please note; included in the rulemaking package is a comment and response document, which includes responses from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to all comments received on the rulemaking during the public comment period. If you have any questions concerning the rulemaking or any other regulatory initiative, please contact me at [ledinger@pa.gov](mailto:ledinger@pa.gov) or at the telephone number provided below.

Sincerely,  
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Notification for Environmental Quality Board Submittal

**RE: Final Rulemaking – Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites (25 Pa Code Chapters 78 and 78a)**

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has completed its preparation of the Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites final rulemaking and has submitted the rulemaking to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) for consideration at the EQB's February 3, 2016, meeting.

You may access the rulemaking package on DEP's website at: [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov) (Select "Public Participation," "Environmental Quality Board," "2016 Meetings"). Links to the final rulemaking package can be found under the February 3, 2016 heading.

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