

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held July 9, 2015

John F. Mizner, Esq., Chairman
George D. Bedwick, Vice Chairman
W. Russell Faber
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Regulation No. 7-489 (#3074)
Environmental Quality Board
Land Reclamation Financial Guarantees and
Bioenergy Crop Bonding

On October 7, 2014, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (Board). This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapters 77, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90 and 211. The proposed regulation was published in the October 25, 2014 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 4, 2015.

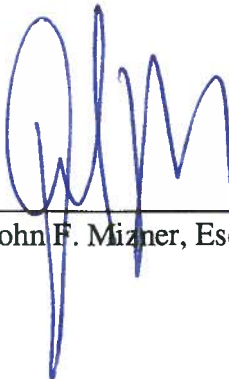
This regulation implements Acts 95 and 157 of 2012 which provide voluntary incentives relating to reclamation bond coverage to meet the statutory bonding obligations required by the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act (SMCRA). The regulation also includes an update of citations as a result of the amendment of SMCRA.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (71 P.S. § 510-20(b)) 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.





John F. Mizner, Esq., Chairman