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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
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March 11, 1999

Honorable James M. Seif, Chairman  
Environmental Quality Board  
Rachel Carson State Office Building  
400 Market Street, 16th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: IRRC Regulation #7-326 (#1878)  
Environmental Quality Board  
Equivalency Determinations & Aerospace  
Manufacturing & Rework – VOC Emissions Limit

Dear Chairman Seif:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its March 11, 1999 public meeting. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at <http://www.irrc.state.pa.us>.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

  
Alvin C. Bush  
Vice Chairman

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Enclosure  
cc: Sharon Freeman  
Barbara Sexton

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Commissioners Present:

Public Meeting Held March 11, 1999

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Environmental Quality Board  
Equivalency Determinations and Aerospace Manufacturing  
and Rework -- VOC Emission Limitations

Regulation No. 7-326

## BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

On August 12, 1997, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (EQB). This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code §§ 121.1, 129.51 and 129.73. The authority for this regulation is Sections 5(a)(1) and 5(a)(13) of the Air Pollution Control Act (35 P.S. §§ 4005(a)(1) and 4006(a)(13)). The proposed regulation was published in the August 23, 1997 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 67-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on February 9, 1999.

The regulation sets forth the volatile organic compound limitations for operations in the aerospace manufacturing and rework industry. It incorporates the requirements contained in the provisions of a Control Techniques Guidance document from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The regulation also deletes a provision that requires all equivalencies be submitted to the EPA as revisions to the state implementation plan.

We have reviewed this regulation and find it to be in the public interest. This regulation is consistent with the operating and emission requirements for the aerospace industry in other states. It will allow Pennsylvania's industry to compete more effectively in meeting the demands of its customers including the U.S. Department of Defense and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The changes to the equivalency provisions will allow industries in the Commonwealth to implement alternate compliance methods with greater expediency.

## THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Regulation No. 7-326 from the Environmental Quality Board, as submitted to the Commission on February 9, 1999, is approved; and
2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau.

  
Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman

