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November 4, 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 #7-334 (#1980)
Environmental Quality Board
Mobile Equipment Repair and Refinishing

Dear Chairman Seif:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its November 4, 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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cc: Sharon Freeman Barbara Sexton

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Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 4, 1999

John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman, by proxy Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman Arthur Coccodrilli John F. Mizner

Environmental Quality Board Mobile Equipment Repair and Refinishing Regulation No. 7-334

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

On September 8, 1998, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (Board). rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapters 121 and 129. The authority for this regulation is Section 5(a)(1) of the Air Pollution Control Act (35 P.S. § 4005(a)(1)). The proposed regulation was published in the September 26, 1998 Pennsylvania Bulletin with a 67-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 5, 1999.

The proposal establishes volatile organic compound limitations for mobile equipment repair and refinishing and finish materials used in the aftermarket finishing and refinishing of mobile equipment. Additionally, it establishes coating application technology requirements and work practice standards for the mobile equipment refinishing industry.

We have reviewed this regulation and find it to be in the public interest. This regulation is one component of the attainment strategy for reducing ground-level ozone. Approximately 4,400 body shops that repair and refinish automobiles and other mobile equipment must meet the requirements. Although the equipment required may be more costly, the Board projects more efficient use of coating materials, offsetting the increased cost.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Regulation No. 7-334 from the Environmental Quality Board, as submitted to the Commission on October 5, 1999, is approved; and
- 2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau. NOIS MAINTAINE

Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman