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September 9, 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 #7-344 (#2004)
Environmental Quality Board
Sewage Enforcement Officers Application
Requirements for Certification

Dear Chairman Seif:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its September 9, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alvin C. Bush".

Alvin C. Bush
Vice Chairman

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Enclosure
cc: Sharon Freeman
Barbara Sexton

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Commissioners Present:

Public Meeting Held September 9, 1999

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Regulation No. 7-344

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

On February 9, 1999, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board. This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapter 72. The authority for this regulation is Section 9 of the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act (35 P.S. § 750.9) and Section 1920-A of the Administrative Code (71 P.S. § 510.20). The proposed regulation was published in the February 20, 1999 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on August 3, 1999.

The regulation reduces the time period for Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) candidates to submit required documents to the State Board for Certification of SEOs prior to examination. The application and fee for the scheduled examination are now due 30 days prior to the scheduled examination. Documentation of successful completion of the precertification training course is now due no later than the commencement of the scheduled examination.

We have reviewed this regulation and find it to be in the public interest. The amendments will accommodate schedule changes necessary because of expanded training for SEOs. Candidates and their municipalities will no longer need to make separate travel arrangements for training and testing.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Regulation No. 7-344 from the Environmental Quality Board, as submitted to the Commission on August 3, 1999, is approved; and
2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau.


Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman

