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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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November 4, 2004

Honorable Kathleen A. McGinty, Chairperson Environmental Quality Board Rachel Carson State Office Building 400 Market Street, 16th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Regulation #7-386 (IRRC #2366)
Environmental Quality Board
Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards

Dear Chairperson McGinty:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our Order is enclosed and will be available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

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

Sincerely

John R. McGinley, Jr.

Chairman evp

Enclosure

cc: Honorable William F. Adolph, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

Honorable Camille George, Democratic Chairman, House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

Honorable Mary Jo White, Chairman, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee Honorable Raphael J. Musto, Minority Chairman, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 4, 2004

John R. McGinley, Jr., Esq., Chairman Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman Daniel F. Clark, Esq. Arthur Coccodrilli Murray Ufberg, Esq.

Regulation No. 7-386 Environmental Quality Board Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards

On October 7, 2003, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (Board). This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapter 93. The proposed regulation was published in the October 18, 2003 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 60-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 1, 2004.

This final-form regulation represents the triennial review of the Commonwealth water quality standards as required by the federal Clean Water Act. It updates, corrects and clarifies the dissolved oxygen criteria and stream segments in the drainage lists.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Environmental Quality Board (35 P.S. §§ 691.5 and 691.402) 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.

ohn R. McGinley, Jr., Esq., Chairman