

HOUSE CONCURRENT REGULATORY REVIEW RESOLUTION NO.

1 Disapproving the Environmental Quality Board regulations on the
2 control of volatile organic compound emissions from
3 unconventional oil and natural gas sources.

4 WHEREAS, The Environmental Quality Board proposed at 50 Pa.

5 B. 2633 (May 23, 2020) regulations on reasonably available

6 control technology (RACT) requirements and RACT emission

7 limitations for oil and natural gas sources of volatile organic

8 compound (VOC) emissions in accordance with section 5(a)(1) and

9 (8) of the act of January 8, 1960 (1959 P.L.2119, No.787), known

10 as the Air Pollution Control Act; and

11 WHEREAS, On June 14, 2022, the Environmental Quality Board

12 approved "Control of VOC Emissions from Unconventional Oil and

13 Natural Gas Sources" Regulations (Environmental Quality Board

14 Regulation #7-544 and Independent Regulatory Review Commission

15 #3256) (regulations); and

16 WHEREAS, On July 11, 2022, the Environmental Resources and

17 Energy Committee of the House of Representatives, in accordance

1 with section 5.1(j.2) of the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633,
2 No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, voted to extend the
3 committee's review period for the regulations; and

4 WHEREAS, On July 21, 2022, notwithstanding the extension of
5 the review period of the House of Representatives oversight
6 committee, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC)
7 voted to approve the regulations; and

8 WHEREAS, On July 26, 2022, the Environmental Resources and
9 Energy Committee of the House of Representatives received
10 official written notice from the IRRC that the IRRC had adopted
11 an order, by a vote of five to zero, approving the regulations;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of
14 the House of Representatives has determined that the submitted
15 regulations should be disapproved by the General Assembly; and

16 WHEREAS, The Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of
17 the House of Representatives is reporting this resolution under
18 section 7(d) of the Regulatory Review Act for action by the
19 House of Representatives, which shall have 30 calendar days or
20 10 legislative days, whichever is longer, from the date on which
21 the concurrent resolution has been reported to adopt the
22 concurrent resolution; and

23 WHEREAS, The Senate shall have 30 calendar days or 10
24 legislative days, whichever is longer, from the date on which
25 the concurrent resolution has been adopted by the House of
26 Representatives to adopt the concurrent resolution; therefore be
27 it

28 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
29 disapprove the Environmental Quality Board regulations on the
30 control of volatile organic compound emissions from

1 unconventional oil and natural gas sources; and be it further
2 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with section 7(d) of the
3 Regulatory Review Act, this resolution constitute a bar to
4 promulgation of the regulations.