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PENNSYLVANIA AGGREGATES AND CONCRETE ASSOCIATION COMMENDS IRRC ON WATER QUALITY STANDARD FOR MANGANESE AND IMPLEMENTATION RULING

HARRISBURG, Pa. (Sept. 15, 2022) – The Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association (PACA), the leading voice for the crushed stone, ready mixed concrete, sand and gravel, and cement industries in Pennsylvania, today issued the following statement from President and CEO Peter Vlahos on the water quality standard for manganese and implementation ruling by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC):

“Today’s announcement from IRRC disapproving Regulation #7-553 is a positive step for our industry and brings to the forefront the need for continued fair and equitable reporting compliance across the commonwealth. The Department of Environmental Protection openly disregarded the intent of Act 40 of 2017 and is discriminatory in its application to only “permitted” discharges. IRRC’s ruling should be a clear sign to DEP that the rules and regulations set forth by the state and federal governments are to be followed and followed appropriately.

“With the ruling now behind us, PACA would welcome the opportunity to work with DEP on proposed regulations that comply with the intent of Act 40.”

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About PACA

PACA is Pennsylvania's leading voice for the crushed stone, ready mixed concrete, sand and gravel, and cement industries' community. PACA safeguards the industry from common threats; expands market opportunities; trains a productive workforce; educates and communicates the value of construction materials to all Pennsylvanians; serves as the gathering place for industry stakeholders; and unites divergent interests into a shared platform for action to benefit the aggregates, ready mixed concrete and cement industries in Pennsylvania.

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