

## Senate of Pennsylvania

## Senator John Yudichak

## 14th Senatorial District

## **MEMO**

To:

All Senators

From:

Senator John Yudichak

Date:

January 24, 2011

Subject:

Introduction of Legislation on Environmental Quality

Board

I am planning on reintroducing Senate Bill 85 from the last legislative session.

This bill amends the Administrative Code, Section 471, dealing with the Environmental Quality Board (board). This bill adds a subsection to Section 471 to allow for the board to have an independent counsel to assist the board in its review of proposed and final rulemakings, and all other matters before the board. All communication between the independent counsel and a board member or the board shall be considered privileged.

The independent counsel shall be appointed by the Department of Environmental Protection and shall be compensated out of the appropriation for the general government operations of the department.

This bill passed the Senate in the 2009-2010 legislative session.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Richard Fox in my office at 787-7105 or rfox@pasenate.com. Thank you.