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STATE REVIEW OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS FINDS NEW STATE BOARD MEMBER

HARRISBURG (July 18, 2012) – State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER), Inc. has added Mr. Scott Perry, Deputy Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Office of Oil and Gas Management, to its Board of Directors. Mr. Perry replaces former Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Director, David Neslin who left state service earlier this year.

Mr. Perry has been the Deputy Secretary of the DEP since November 2011. He participated in the September, 2010 state review conducted by STRONGER of the Pennsylvania oil and gas program related to hydraulic fracturing. He was selected to serve a 2 year term on the board by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commissions' State Review Committee

Mr. Perry received his undergraduate degree in 1995 from Penn State University and his law degree from the Willamette University College of Law in 2000.

About STRONGER

The name, STRONGER, is an acronym for State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations. STRONGER was formed in 1999 to reinvigorate and carry forward the state review process begun cooperatively in 1988 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC).

The mission of STRONGER is to educate and provide services for the continuous improvement of regulatory programs and industry practices in order to enhance human health and the environment. STRONGER is a non-profit, multi-stakeholder organization which shares innovative techniques and environmental protection strategies and identifies opportunities for program improvement. The state review process is a non-regulatory program and relies on states to volunteer for reviews."

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