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DEP Citizens Advisory Council: DEP Update On Program Changes

Each month the Department of Environmental Protection provides a report policy initiatives and the status of program and regulation changes to the DEP [Citizens Advisory Council](#) for its information. In the past this more than 20 page report has not been routinely made available to the public.

The report covers a variety of topics and their latest status. Some information in the updates has not changed in a while because the information is the last status reported. Other information is quite new.

Here's a summary of the topics covered in the 22-page [August Report](#) prepared by DEP:

-- Water Management

- Water Quality Standards Triennial Review
- NPDES MS4 Permit (PAG-13)
- NPDES Pesticide General Permit (PAG-15)
- NPDES Large & Small Vessel General Permits (vGPs)
- State Water Plan: Development of Critical Area Resource Plans
- Water Resource Technical Assistance Center
- Marcellus O&G Water Management Plan Activities
- Chesapeake Bay TMDL/Watershed Implementation Plan
- PA's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (Milestones, Nutrient Trading, Wastewater Plants, Agriculture Updates, Revisions to construction stormwater general permit (PAG-02), E&S Control Manual training
- Stormwater Offsetting Workgroup
- Riparian Buffer Waivers
- E&S Control Pollution Manual
- Safe Drinking Water Unregulated Contaminant Rule 3

-- Waste Management

- Recycling Fund & Solid Waste Advisory Committee agenda
- Municipal & Residual Waste Regulation Revisions

- Land Recycling Program Technical Guidance Manual
- Energy Initiatives: Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant, PA Energy Development Authority, PA Sunshine Program, Small Business Ombudsman, Federal Stimulus Funded Projects, ISO 50001 Workshops, Department of Corrections CHP Project, Energy Symposium.
- **Oil & Gas Issues**
- Latest on implementation of Act 13 Marcellus Shale provisions; White Paper on proposed Chapter 78 changes required by the law, Act 13 Roll-Out, draft Erosion and Sedimentation Control General Permit (ESCGP-2), policy on addressing spills and releases from oil and gas wells and related operations.
- Oil and Gas Workload Report
- Spud well report submitted to the PUC
- Implementation of Act 9 of 2012 related to emergency response at well sites
- Oil and Gas Technical Advisory Board meeting summary
- **Mining/Reclamation/AMD Issues**
- Abandoned Mine Surface/ Bond Fund Discharge Treatment
- Status of Proposed Coal Permit and Non-Coal Permit Fees
- NPDES Permitting For Mine Sites
- Act 54 Mine Subsidence Impact Report
- Pending Policy Guidance Documents
- **PA Office of Homeland Security** - requested list of contacts for trade associations
- **Environmental Education**
- Environmental Education Grants Program
- EE Outreach, Workshops, Conferences, Board meetings, Upcoming Outreach Events
- Green Schools
- Falcon Outreach/Education
- **Office of Program Integration**
- Project Syllabus permit review improvement process
 - A copy of the report [is available online](#).