



*An Update on
Environmental
Issues in
Pennsylvania*

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Dust Still Settling from Last Hours of Session

Gov. Rendell continued his call for the General Assembly to come back to Harrisburg Monday and Tuesday before the mandated end of the session November 30. The General Assembly continued to say no, they are finished for the year.

The Governor continues to work his way through signing (and not signing) bills passed in the last few hours of the session. No action on environment related bills pending was announced.

But there was still plenty of environmental news this week!

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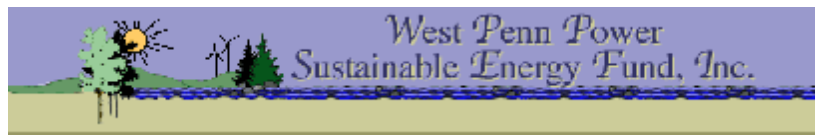
Here's one we missed--

Mass Transit Districts: [House Bill 994](#) (Rubley-R-Chester) was passed by the General Assembly last week to authorize the creation of public transportation districts to work cooperatively with counties, local governments, transportation authorities, the private sector, AMTRAK and other providers of public transportation and passenger rail services. The bill is on the Governor's Desk.

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In Other News

Recycling Markets Infrastructure, Composting Grant Forms Now Available

Recycling Market Grants: Applications for the 2005 Recycling Markets Infrastructure Development Grants are now available from the Department of Environmental Protection. Applications are due March 4, 2005.

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to qualified existing for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations that seek to purchase machinery or equipment that will result in increased consumption of recyclable materials recovered in this Commonwealth.

Applications for the 2005 grant program may be obtained by contacting Jeff Bednar, Bureau of Waste Management at 717-787-7382 or by e-mail at jbednar@state.pa.us or by visiting the Department's [Market Development webpage](#).

Compost Infrastructure: Applications for the 2005 Compost Infrastructure Development Grant Program are now available from DEP. Applications are also due March 4, 2005

Under the program, qualified existing and operating for-profit business entities and non-profit organizations in the Commonwealth will be awarded grants to increase the quantity of yard waste and/or food wastes collected in this Commonwealth. The goal of this program is to increase the quantity of organic materials collected and composted to further increase this Commonwealth's recycling rate.

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Applications for the 2005 Program may be obtained by contacting Patricia Olenick, Bureau of and Waste Management at 717-787-7382 or by e-mail at polenick@state.pa.us . Applications are also available electronically on the Department's [composting webpage](#).

EPA Region 3 Hosts America Recycles Day Exhibit Through December 31

In celebration of America Recycles Day - November 15, EPA's Public Information Center in Philadelphia hosted an open house featuring some of the area's promising young designers.

"Ex trash aganza," the current exhibit in the Public Information Center, looks at creative recycling by showcasing original fashions made of recycled materials. The student designers were recognized by Regional Administrator Donald S. Welsh and talked about their creations. The exhibit runs through Dec. 31.

The Philadelphia Center City lunch-time crowd was also treated to recycling fun and information outside the regional office. A float that featured an aluminum replica of Liberty Place and other Philadelphia landmarks was created by students from Philadelphia's High School for Creative and Performing Arts. Curby the Recycle Bucket and mascot for the Philadelphia Office of Recycling was also on hand, passing out information and posing for pictures.

PECO Energy: More than 9,000 PECO Customers Choose Wind Energy

More than 9,000 local households have chosen to purchase [PECO WIND](#), a new clean, environmentally-friendly wind power option provided by PECO Energy and Community Energy, Inc., an alternative energy marketing group.

PECO WIND energy has become one of the largest and fastest growing green power programs in the country, according to the U.S. Department of Energy's [National Renewable Energy Laboratory](#) (NREL). The environmental benefit is the same as planting about two million trees or not driving 25 million miles.

The NREL is the nation's premier laboratory for renewable energy research and development and a leading center for energy efficiency research and development.

PECO WIND's customer enrollments place it among the top 10 utility green energy programs in the country when compared with NREL's 2004 ranking of similar green power programs. A new Top 10 list is expected to be announced sometime during the spring of 2005.

PECO WIND, the first wind energy product offered by a utility in Pennsylvania, is available to PECO's residential and business customers in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia and York counties. PECO WIND is supplied by a new wind power facility in Waymart, Penna., near the Poconos.

PECO WIND is offered to residential customers in 100-kilowatt hour (kWh) blocks for an additional monthly fee of about \$2.50 per block, added directly to customers' monthly PECO bill. PECO WIND is also available to business customers. Pennsylvania commercial customers are already supporting more than 100 megawatts of wind generation in the state - more than any other state east of the Mississippi. For more information about [PECO WIND](#) or to sign up, customers can call 1-866-WIND-321.

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Based in Philadelphia, PECO Energy is an electric and natural gas utility subsidiary of Exelon Corporation. PECO serves 1.5 million electric and 460,000 natural gas customers in southeastern Pennsylvania.

[Community Energy, Inc.](#) is the leading retail marketer of wind-generated power nationally. CEI is a for-profit corporation founded in 1999 with the mission to ignite the market and develop the supply of wind and other fuel-free energy sources.

West Penn Energy Fund Releases Documentary on Sustainable Energy

“*Pennsylvania Energy*,” a documentary funded by the [West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund](#) and produced by the [Penn State Public Broadcasting](#), is now available on DVD and will be on the web.

The program debuted on WPSX-TV in State College November 21.

“The program explores, in several sections, wind power, solar energy, bioi-mass and energy savings in the homes, including efficient heating and cooling,” said Joe Myers, producer-director. “It also takes a look at economic renew in the Commonwealth and how sustainable energy can be an economic advantage and help create jobs.”

The West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund is a non-profit corporation that invests in the development of sustainable energy technologies in the 23-county West Penn Power market region in Pennsylvania. It is part of an \$80 million effort required by the Public Utility Commission to jump-start sustainable energy investments in 2000.

The Energy Fund and Penn State Public Broadcasting will be collaborating on development of an energy curriculum for Pennsylvania’s K-12 schools in the coming year.

Other Programs: [Get Wired – the Day in the Life of Energy](#)
[Building Green](#)
[Energy Efficiency](#)

Vanguard, Giant Recognized as Energy Star Leaders By EPA

EPA Region 3 recognized The Vanguard Group in Valley Forge, and Giant Eagle in Pittsburgh, for demonstrating superior energy management and environmental leadership as part of the [Energy Star Program](#).

There are now over 266 companies and organizations who formally joined the Energy Star Program as partners in Pennsylvania—manufacturers, retailers, schools, nonprofit and government groups and utilities.

Congress Extends Mine Reclamation Fee Through June 2005

Congress has given a reprieve to Title IV of SMCRA (the law that funds the reclamation of abandoned mine lands through the collection of a fee on each ton of coal mined in the U.S.). It is alive through a just-passed continuing resolution that keeps the federal government going through December 3rd. It is also included in a \$388 billion omnibus appropriations bill that will enable it through June 30, 2005, which Congress is expected to pass very soon.

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New legislation is expected to be introduced into Congress in 2005 that will keep adequate funding coming for a long enough time to address our most pressing health, safety, and reclamation problems. This is vital issue for Pennsylvania, the most impacted of all states by over a hundred years of unregulated coal mining. (*contributed by Bruce Golden, [Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation.](#)*)

CBF Praises Legislative Efforts to Fund Nutrient Reduction Technology

The [Chesapeake Bay Foundation](#) (CBF) applauded the General Assembly for including provisions in [Senate Bill 1102](#) (Gordner-R-Northumberland) to specifically authorize the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) to use part of \$350 million in new water and wastewater funds to finance Nutrient Reduction Technology (NRT) projects at municipal sewage treatment plants.

The bill is now on the Governor's desk.

Sewage treatment plants are the second largest source of nutrient pollution that impacts waters in Pennsylvania and downstream waters in the Chesapeake Bay, contributing to the inclusion of the Bay on the nation's list of dirtiest waters. NRT is advanced treatment technology that can dramatically reduce discharges of excess nutrients from these wastewater treatment facilities.

This action by the General Assembly will help the Commonwealth meet its nutrient reduction agreements made in March, 2003 as part of the implementation of the multi-state Chesapeake 2000 Agreement (C2K). The signatories to the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement committed to remove the Chesapeake Bay from the dirty waters list by 2010.

"While we are delighted that the General Assembly has included funding for NRT to help address our regional nutrient pollution problem, we are concerned that the legislation contains other provisions that may contribute to sprawl," said CBF's Pennsylvania Executive Director Matt Ehrhart

"Although the newly-passed legislation is a mixed bag of sorts, CBF encourages Gov. Rendell to sign the bill into law," said Ehrhart. "We will work closely with the government agencies involved to ensure that the funds are channeled into environmentally beneficial projects, such as NRT, while discouraging the use of funds for projects that devour our precious open space and farmland."

NewsClip: [Lawmakers Debate Distribution Plans for Sewer Funds](#)

Bill Will Benefit Chesapeake Bay and Watershed Education Efforts

The [Chesapeake Bay Foundation](#) also applauded the Pennsylvania General Assembly for passing [House Bill 2775](#) sponsored by Rep. Zug (R-Lebanon), a member of the Chesapeake Bay Commission, which creates the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Education Program Act. The bill is now on the Governor's desk.

The Act would provide grants of up to \$5,000 to Pennsylvania schools and environmental education centers to support the development of watershed education curricula. Additionally, the program offers students opportunities to participate in meaningful bay and stream outdoor experiences. The program will be administered by the Department of Education.

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"We encourage Gov. Rendell to sign the bill into law ensuring that Pennsylvania students and teachers directly experience the vast resources of the Bay watershed, from the small creek running behind the school to local rivers to the marshes and rich environments of the Bay itself," said CBF's Pennsylvania Executive Director Matt Ehrhart. "The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Education Program Act is an excellent step toward meeting Chesapeake 2000's stewardship and community engagement goals."

For more than 30 years, CBF's award-winning environmental education programs have been a cornerstone of CBF's efforts to improve water quality and the Bay's health. CBF has worked with Pennsylvania teachers and students, both in and out of the classroom, to provide opportunity for hands-on education and the development of personal connections with their local waterways.

"Research has shown that students are more motivated and focused when their lessons are related to their local environment," said CBF's Pennsylvania education program manager, Kami Watson. "The connections that are made through outdoor experience are powerful. There is nothing like seeing the face of a child touching a fish for the first time, or seeing their first eagle, or watching the wings of a dragonfly unfolding. That sense of awe is priceless."

Growing Greener II Advocates Meet to Urge Action

Groups supporting Gov. Rendell's Growing Greener II environmental spending initiative met in the Capitol this week to discuss the need to continue to put pressure on legislators to move the proposal forward.

The groups reminded the General Assembly that they have through Tuesday, November 30 to act on the proposal before they must end their work. Gov. Rendell also called on the General Assembly to come back into session through Tuesday to do mass transit funding.

Andrew McElwaine, president of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council said, "This holiday season will be a cheerless one for Pennsylvanians who expected the Legislature to act on mass transit, brownfields cleanup, and preservation of farmland and open space. These programs were left behind for now, but they must be addressed very soon."

NewsClip: [Editorial – And the Environment](#)

Experts Look for Ways to Improve Feed Efficiency to Protect Water Quality

The [Chesapeake Bay Foundation](#) and Department of Agriculture recently assembled scientists, agricultural industry leaders, environmentalists, farmers, county conservation districts, and representatives of Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to find solutions that maintain or improve production while reducing the pollution impacts from manure and the challenges of managing manure to improve farm profitability.

Animal manure is one of the largest sources of nitrogen and phosphorus deposited on the Bay watershed's 64,000 square-mile land area. This pollution has seriously damaged the health of local rivers, streams and the Chesapeake Bay. Reducing nitrogen and phosphorus in feed can reduce manure nutrients without impacting production and while reducing nutrient management planning costs.

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“Almost 4,000 miles of Pennsylvania’s streams are impaired due to agricultural production and it is important that we look at ways to reduce nitrogen pollution from manure,” explained CBF Pennsylvania Executive Director Matt Ehrhart. “There are innovative solutions available that would protect the environment from nutrient pollution without adding costs to a farmer’s bottom line.”

Approximately 60 people attended “Animal Nutrition: Understanding the Problems, Progress and Future” and learned about examples of success to reduce excess nutrients fed to livestock. Scientific research has shown that livestock can be fed rations that provide a better balance of amino acids, minerals in more digestible forms and other improvements, so that adding excess nutrients is unnecessary to maximize production. Reducing excess feed nutrients will ease the burdens of many farmers in managing their manure.

“The Department recognizes that animal nutrition is a partial answer in addressing the concerns over nutrient management. We’re pleased to be working in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and others to develop some strategies that work for Pennsylvania farmers,” said Secretary of Agriculture Dennis C. Wolff.

Those attending highlighted several opportunities and challenges for broadening the use of more efficient livestock diets:

- more routine analysis of feed ingredients by feed mills
- better coordination among and within universities for research
- improved collaboration among feed companies, crop and livestock producers, government agencies and researchers.

Financial assistance may be needed in some cases to encourage producers to conduct pilot projects to test new strategies on the farm and ensure that production is maintained. Dairy producers and others who rely heavily on forages may need additional support for analysis of their hay, pastures and silage that often vary widely in nutrient content.

Special Water Quality Review Underway in York County

The Department of Environmental Protection is requesting information from citizens, environmental groups and businesses related to its special water quality review underway in the [Deer Creek and Little Falls creek area](#) in York County.

The review is being undertaken at the request of the Shrewsbury Township Supervisors who submitted a petition to the Environmental Quality Board to have the streams redesignated to high quality-cold water fishes.

Data should be submitted to Bob Frey, Division of Water Quality Assessment and Standards, Bureau of Water Supply and Wastewater Management, P. O. Box 8467, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8467, e-mail rofrey@state.pa.us no later than December 27.

Meeting Reviews the Impacts of Flooding on Lower Susquehanna River

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) conducted a public meeting at the Port Deposit Town Hall to review the impacts of Tropical Storm Ivan on the lower Susquehanna region, in cooperation with New York Senator Nancy Jacobs (R-District 34) and Delegate David Rudolph (D-District 34B).

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The topics included the impacts from flood waters and the debris and sediment transported during the flooding. SRBC also highlighted the effectiveness of the Susquehanna River Flood Forecasting and Warning System.

During the weekend of September 19, Tropical Storm Ivan dumped anywhere from 1.5 to 9.5 inches of rain on the Susquehanna River Basin over a brief period. SRBC representatives noted that the Susquehanna basin had not experienced flooding of this magnitude since the January 1996 ice jams flood. River flows at the Conowingo Dam in Maryland resulting from Ivan were the fourth highest since the stream gage at the dam was established in 1968.

Paul Swartz, SRBC executive director said, "Any time there is large-scale flooding, it is usually the downstream communities in southern Pennsylvania and northern Maryland that experience the cumulative impact. Port Deposit, alone, sustained more than \$1 million in damages from Tropical Storm Ivan."

The purpose of the public meeting was to present the facts about the flood and to discuss the issues concerning citizens from the lower Susquehanna region. The meeting participants included SRBC and Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) officials, the operators of the Conowingo and Safe Harbor dams, Port Deposit Mayor Rob Flayhart, and representatives of the Cecil County Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

"People living in the flood-impacted communities, understandably, want to know if more can be done to address the flood impacts," said MDE Secretary and SRBC Chairman Kendl Philbrick. "The lower Susquehanna has a unique set of issues during floods not only because of the location, but also because of the large hydroelectric dams whose operators have to carry out certain protocols during extreme flood events."

SRBC reported on the damage estimates throughout the Susquehanna basin from Tropical Storm Ivan and the near-perfect flood predictions and warnings the National Weather Service was able to issue because of the Susquehanna River Flood Forecasting and Warning System. Early flood warnings help save lives and reduce annual average flood damages by \$32 million in the Susquehanna basin. The enhanced Susquehanna System was initiated by SRBC in 1985 because the Susquehanna basin is one of the most flood-prone areas in the country.

Delegate David Rudolph said, "In the Susquehanna basin, it's not a matter of 'if' but 'when' the next flood will occur. For that reason, it's good public policy to have open forums like this where people can learn the facts about flooding and have opportunities to share their concerns. On-going communication, coordination and cooperation are vital to our flood-prone communities in Cecil County."

SRBC also reported on its streamside cleanup program that uses a combination of hands-on cleanup events and training to educate upstream residents on the impact their litter is having on downstream communities and the Chesapeake Bay. According to SRBC, there are at least 255 existing cleanup projects in the Susquehanna basin, involving more than 6,100 volunteers, who have removed more than 1,000 tons of litter to date. Of the 255 events, SRBC has provided direct support to 68 through mini-grants totaling \$113,000.

"The partnership efforts underway to educate upstream residents and make them better stewards are commendable," said Senator Jacobs. "For every ton of litter that is

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removed, that's less that won't end up on Maryland's shorelines. We need to continue building on these existing outreach and education efforts."

The USGS reported on the amount of sediment that was transported from the Susquehanna River to the Chesapeake Bay during Tropical Storm Ivan. According to the USGS, preliminary data show that 10 million tons of sediment went into the bay during the flood, which includes at least 3 million tons of sediment that was trapped behind the hydroelectric dams. The Susquehanna River transports an average of 3.1 million tons of sediment each year. Of that total, about 1.3 million tons enter the Chesapeake Bay, with the remaining 1.8 million tons - or 60 percent - being trapped behind the dams.

For more information, go to the [Susquehanna Flood Forecasting and Warning System](#) webpage and the SRBC's [Susquehanna River Basin Streamside Cleanup Training Academy and Assistance Program](#) webpage.

Reminder: First Children's Environmental Health Award Nominations Due

To raise awareness and highlight the importance of protecting children from environmental risks, EPA is now accepting applications to launch its [first annual Children's Environmental Health Awards](#).

Applications are due December 15.

The awards recognize and highlight the exemplary achievements of organizations or individuals that have demonstrated a level of commitment and leadership in protecting children from environmental risks.

New Land Revitalization Website Helps Encourage Reuse of Brownfields

The EPA [Land Revitalization program's new website](#) serves as a resource for developers, realtors, state and local governments and other stakeholders interested in redeveloping brownfields sites.

Stakeholders can find information about EPA and state initiatives, training and programs supporting land revitalization, success stories, properties available for reuse, resources for redevelopment, contact information and much more.

Early Release of 2003 TRI Data for Facilities, No Trend Info. Available

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency this week for the first time released the [2003 Toxics Release Inventory reports](#) for individual facilities in their raw form as they were reported to the agency and before it was quality checked.

In the past, this information was received, quality-checked, analyzed and released in the annual Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) report.

The TRI program requires industrial facilities to publicly report quantities of toxic chemicals annually released into the air, water and land. TRI is an important tool that gives Americans public information on chemical releases for their community, so that they can make informed decisions about protecting their environment.

Many stakeholders have requested that the agency share TRI data sooner and in the basic format received, without waiting for further analysis.

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The data is presented for each facility received by EPA, one reporting form for each chemical. Increased electronic reporting allowed EPA to publish the information earlier, and is part of EPA's initiative to modernize and streamline the TRI program.

The Electronic Facility Data Reporting (eFDR) Program provides facility-by-facility reporting for reporting year 2003. The traditional Public Data Release, which includes more quality checks, national trends and analysis, is expected in Spring 2005.

EPA Recognizes Federal-Mogul Corp. in Boyertown for Reducing Waste

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Donald S. Welsh recognized Federal-Mogul Corp. for being the first business in the Boyertown area to enroll in the voluntary [national partnership for environmental priorities](#).

The new voluntary program challenges businesses and manufacturers to become more environmentally aware and to adopt a resource conservation ethic that results in less waste, more recycling, and more environmentally sound products.

As a new waste minimization partner, the Federal-Mogul Boyertown plant has committed to reducing lead waste. The company has implemented a process change that will eliminate lead-based solder by switching to alternate lead-free solders in the manufacture of their headlight products. This change will reduce the amount of lead used in the plant from 19,000 pounds in 2002 to a complete phase-out of lead-based solders by July 2005.

Waste minimization not only means polluting less, it means saving money, too. Participating companies throughout America are learning that reducing or eliminating waste can also mean greater production efficiency, an improved image in their community, and increased profits.

EPA created the national partnership for environmental priorities, one of EPA's family of voluntary partnership programs, in order to reduce 31 highly toxic, priority chemicals found in our nation's hazardous waste.

This national program seeks solutions that prevent pollution at the source, by recovering or recycling chemicals, which cannot easily be eliminated or reduced at the source.

EPA's goal is to work with industry and the public to reduce the presence of the 31 priority chemicals in hazardous waste by 50 percent by the year 2005, compared to amounts generated in 1991.

Celebrate the Birthdays of these PA Environmental Leaders

In November and December we celebrate the birthdays of three extraordinary women who became a part of not only the Commonwealth's environmental heritage, but made an impact on the national level as well.

[Mabel Rosalie Edge](#) (1877-1962) was not content to lead the genteel life of the wealthy in New York City and became active in the conservation community and founded the world's first preserve – Hawk Mountain in Berks County – devoted to the observation and protection of birds of prey. Her birthday was November 3.

[Cynthia Shallcross Calhoun](#) (1902-1983) used her leadership abilities to guide both the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Resources

Council to advocate for the preservation of beauty and against litter and billboards. She was instrumental in getting Pennsylvania's first billboard control law adopted. Her birthday was November 10th.

[Mira Lloyd Dock](#) (1853-1945) was also born to wealth and educated in the finest private schools, but ventured into an area exclusive reserved for men in her time – forestry. She was the first woman appointed to the State Forest Reserve Commission in the era of Rothrock, McFarland and Pinchot, was actively involved in teaching and guiding the growth of the State Forestry Academy and fought for the restoration of Pennsylvania's forests. An avid photographer, Dock illustrated many of her lectures with her own "lantern slides" which are now housed at the Forestry Academy in Mont Alto. Her birthday is December 25th.

We also celebrate the birthdays of [Richard L. James](#) (1935-1998) – November 8 – a long-time environmental educator and [Bruce A. Yount](#) (1948-1997) – November 24 – another educator who devoted his life to cleaning up and protecting Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie.

For more, visit [Pennsylvania's Environmental Heritage webpage](#).

Quick Clips

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Taking Positive Action

An Advocate for Clean Air: Marking the Passing of Ann L. Meyers

It is my sad task to let you know that Ann Meyers, 47, of Ann Meyers Public Relations, died from an unexpected illness on November 20 in Lancaster. Many people involved in environmental issues will remember her as being part of the team that built the Ozone Action Programs in Pennsylvania.

Ann worked on clean air issues not only in Pennsylvania, but in Maryland and the entire Northeast. She was a frequent expert speaker on public relations and ozone issues at national conferences.

She wasn't your typical "PR" person. She threw 110 percent of her effort into educating the public about clean air issues, and even her family. At one Lancaster event her then 14-year old son "volunteered" to dress up in the Coach Ozone costume for the TV cameras.

Her roots go deep in Pennsylvania. She was a graduate of Thiel College and even served as the Pennsylvania Maple Queen representing the state's maple industry at statewide functions.

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Ann and her husband Howard Kelin have four children and just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in August.

Her energy, enthusiasm and expertise will be missed.

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Regulations

No regulations published this week.

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Technical Guidance & Permits

The Department of Environmental Protection published notice of this final guidance this week:

DEP ID: 383-2129-002 Title: Guidance for Evaluating Alternate Recycle Return Locations Proposed under the Filter Backwash Recycling Rule.

[For copies of Draft Technical Guidance](#)

[For copies of Final Technical Guidance](#)

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Nov. 30 – Solid Waste Advisory Committee – [Residual Waste Subcommittee](#) meets to discuss proposed changes to residual waste program.
- Dec. 7 – [Storage Tank Advisory Committee](#) meets to discuss proposed fee increases.
- Dec. 7 – [Environmental Justice Advisory Board](#) meeting.
- Look for upcoming meetings of the [Regional Water Resources Advisory Committees](#).

[DEP Calendar of Events](#)

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