

## **Availability of Technical Guidance**

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### *Changes to Technical Guidance Documents*

Following is the current list of recent changes. Persons who have questions or comments about a particular document should call the contact person whose name and phone number is listed with each document.

### ***Final Technical Guidance – New Guidance***

**DEP ID:** 021-2100-001.

**TITLE:** Policy for Implementing the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee.

**DESCRIPTION:** On July 24, 2012, Governor Corbett signed Executive Order 2012-11 "Permit Decision Guarantee for the Department of Environmental Protection" (Department) directing the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) to, among other things, establish a Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee. The executive order also rescinded the Money Back Guarantee created under Executive Order 1995-5.

The Department, on September 1, 2012, published for comment the draft "Policy for Implementing the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee" to begin implementing the direction of the Executive Order. Upon review of the comments submitted the Department has made minor revisions to the draft policy and hereby publishes the final policy. The Department, via the prepared comment response document, has provided clarification and response to the comments and questions submitted during the comment period.

The Department plans to re-evaluate the effectiveness of the new process and guarantee established through this policy on at least a quarterly basis during the first year. The first evaluation will be completed February 15, 2013.

Information pertaining to the Department's Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee can be found on the Department's web site at [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) (DEP Search/Keyword: Permit Decision Guarantee).

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**DEP ID:** 021-2000-301.

**TITLE:** Policy for Permit Coordination.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Policy for Permit Coordination, issued for comment as a revised policy on September 1, 2012, outlined how the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) will coordinate the review of multiple permits for proposed projects to ensure efficient use of its resources, thorough environmental review, and consistent Department action on proposed projects before the commencement of operations, construction or other activities that require Department permits or approvals.

Upon review of the comments submitted the Department has made minor revisions to the revised policy and hereby publishes the final policy. The Department, via the prepared comment response document, has provided clarification and response to the comments and questions submitted during the comment period.

Information pertaining to the Department's Policy for Permit Coordination and Policy for Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee can be found on the Department's web site at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) (DEP Search/Keyword: Permit Decision Guarantee).

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### ***Rescission of Technical Guidance***

**DEP ID:** 013-2000-001

**TITLE:** Policy for Implementing the DEP Money-Back Guarantee Permit Review Program.

**DESCRIPTION:** Created under Executive Order 1995-5, the Money-Back Guarantee Permit Review Program established processing times for certain DEP permits. On July 24, 2012, Governor Corbett signed Executive Order 2012-11 "Permit Decision Guarantee for the Department of Environmental Protection" (Department) directing the Department to, among other things, establish a Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee program to replace the former Money-Back Guarantee program. Because the Money-Back Guarantee program is no longer in effect, this guidance is no longer necessary and is being rescinded.

Information pertaining to the Department's Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee can be found on the Department's web site at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) (DEP Search/Keyword: Permit Decision Guarantee).

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