



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Pipeline Infrastructure Task Force

PADEP
Internal Workgroup
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Scope of Work

- Internal workgroup focused on identifying and addressing programmatic issues related to pipeline development
- Staff from Air, Oil and Gas, Water, Regional Office, Communications, Legislative Affairs, Policy and Chief Counsel serve on workgroup



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Immediate Objective

- Unravel the complicated processes related to federal and state regulation of pipelines to improve process efficiency and environmental protection
- Implement standard operating procedures to improve the permitting process and develop guidance documents to assist the regulated community

Long-Term Objective

- Review and develop an implementation strategy for best practices identified by the taskforce to achieve a world-class pipeline infrastructure system and improve our environment



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Structure

- 4 programmatic subgroups have been formed:
 - Air
 - Water
 - Public Participation
 - Federal Interaction
- The workgroup is also discussing the development of a Planning Toolkit



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Air

- Permitting and operation requirements pertaining to:
 - Natural Gas Gathering Stations
 - Natural Gas Transmission Compressor Stations
 - Pipeline Cleaning/Maintenance Operations
 - Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) Requirements
 - General Conformity

Water

- 401 WQ Certifications
- SOP and Guidance Development
- Chapter 102 and 105 permitting and compliance issues to improve regional implementation



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Public Participation

- Increasing the value of currently required public participation
- Exploring innovations to increase effectiveness and collaboration
- Developing consistency in protocols, approach and actions across the state

Federal Interaction

- Improving the Department's interaction with federal partners such as FERC and USACOE



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Planning Toolkit

- Provide users the ability to outline the proposed line and for the tool to highlight areas of concern
- Would compile layers of available data into one location to assist with the planning and mapping of lines



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Connection to PITF

- Internal workgroup participants will attend individual PITF workgroups to provide knowledge and expertise related to DEP's involvement in that particular topic.



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Thank you

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