



Citizens Advisory Council

to the Department of Environmental Protection

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The Honorable E. Christopher Abruzzo
Acting Secretary
Department of Environmental Protection
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Dear Secretary Abruzzo:

Earlier this year the Citizens Advisory Council (Council) began a review of the various Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) public participation guidance documents. On March 5, at DEP's request, Council through its Public Participation Committee submitted a series of comments on the internal draft of the Policy on Public Participation in the Permit Review Process (ID Number: 012-0900-003). We look forward to publication of the draft guidance in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and, if appropriate, intend to offer comments at that time.

In anticipation of DEP also releasing the Policy for Public Participation in the Development of Regulations and Technical Guidance (ID Number: 012-1920-001) for public comment, Council issued a press release inviting the public, as well as members of DEP advisory committees to provide suggestions for improving the process and to identify any issues for resolution.

The enclosed report and comment/response document is the result of that invitation. It contains specific improvement suggestions to the regulatory and technical guidance public participation process, as well as other public participation improvement ideas not specific to that policy.

Council would like to schedule time with you to review these recommendations and identify areas in which Council could have a role.

Sincerely,

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for:
Terry Dayton
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Enclosures

