

EJ UPDATE

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Greetings, Environmental Justice partners!

We are sending this update to share some great information with you. As always, we welcome your suggestions or inquiries about our work, programs, or policies. Please feel free to contact us at RA-EPOEJ@pa.gov.

MEETINGS

The next Environmental Justice Advisory Board (EJAB) meeting will be on Tuesday, February 12 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm in the Delaware Room of the Rachel Carson State Office Building at 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17105. The meeting agenda and other materials can be found on the [EJAB webpage](#).

The next [PFAS Action Team Meeting](#) will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, from 6:15-9:00 PM at the Upper Dublin High School. "At this meeting we will hear updates from DEP on a sampling plan to identify potentially contaminated drinking water sources and from the Department of Health on the pilot study for blood levels," said DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell.

GRANTS

DEP will begin accepting grant applications to replace, repower, or retrofit fleet diesel-powered trucks, buses, and other vehicles and equipment through the [Driving PA Forward program](#). More than \$2.6 million will be available due to the 2018 settlement with Volkswagen, relating to emissions cheating. Grants are available for both public and private entities, including school districts, local governments, and non-profit organizations. Applications will be accepted beginning January 18, 2019.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) opened their [community conservation and recreation project grants](#) on Tuesday, January 22. The application period will remain open until April 10.

AWARDS

Applications are now being accepted for the 2018 [President's Environmental Youth Award](#) (PEYA) and will be due by Friday February 1, 2019. The PEYA program recognizes outstanding environmental stewardship projects by K-12 youth, promoting awareness of our nation's natural resources and encouraging positive community involvement. Winners of this year's awards will be invited to a ceremony in Washington, D.C. in mid-2019, and have their project mentioned on EPA's website.

OPPORTUNITIES

Jobs

- [Department Of Environmental Protection \(DEP\) Air Quality Engineering Specialist, Civil Engineer Trainee, Radiation Protection Program Supervisor, and Radiation Health Physicist I](#)
- [Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission \(PUC\) Executive Director](#)
- [Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission \(PFBC\) Waterways Conservation Officer Trainees](#)
- [Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission \(PFBC\) Fisheries Biologist Aide](#)
- [Chesapeake Bay Foundation \(CBF\) Environmental Justice Staff Attorney](#)

Internships

- [Department Of Environmental Protection \(DEP\) Summer Interns](#)
- [Department of Conservation and Natural Resources \(DCNR\) Outdoor Corps](#)
- [Brandywine Conservancy Land Stewardship Internship](#)
- [Wildlife Leadership Academy Summer Internship](#)
- [Lacawac Sanctuary Biological Field Station Research Internship](#)

Education

- [Schuylkill Action Network's Schuylkill Acts & Impacts](#)

Presentations

- OEJ Director Allison Acevedo will present at the 8th Annual Richard L. James Lecture on February 7 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education. The presentation is titled [Environmental Justice In Pennsylvania - A New Vision](#).

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