

# News

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## DEP Calendar of Events

### Dec. 16

Pipeline Infrastructure Task Force meeting, 1 p.m., DEP Southcentral Regional Office, 909 Elmerton Ave., Harrisburg. Contact: Karyn Yordy, 717-787-2814.

### Dec. 16

State Board for Certification of Sewage Enforcement Officers meeting, 10 a.m., Conference Room 11B, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St., Harrisburg. Contact: Kristen Szwajkowski, 717-772-2186.

### Dec. 16

Agricultural Advisory Board meeting, 9 a.m., DEP Bureau of Labs, 2575 Interstate Dr., Harrisburg. Contact: Tom Juengst, 717-772-5646.

### Dec. 17

Small Water Systems Technical Assistance Center Board meeting, 9 a.m., Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg. Contact: Dawn Hissner, 717-772-2189.

### Jan. 12

Climate Change Advisory Committee meeting, 10 a.m., 12th Floor Conference Room, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg. Contact: Mark Brojakowski, 717-772-3429.

### Jan. 13

Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment meeting, 10 a.m.,

## DEP Accepting Applications for 2016 Governor's Award for Environmental Protection



HARRISBURG -- DEP invites Pennsylvania businesses, farms, government agencies, educational institutions, non-profit organizations and individuals to apply for the 2016 Governor's Award for Environmental Protection. This prestigious award honors those projects that have transformed environmental challenges into

opportunities.

"We want to showcase the kinds of innovative, energy-saving and restorative projects taking place all across Pennsylvania," DEP Secretary John Quigley said. "These projects and the people who develop them will help lead Pennsylvania into the next era of environmental protection."

Award-winning projects will be selected based on eight criteria: protection, partnership, public service, environmental education and outreach, pollution prevention, economic impact, innovative technology, and new this year, climate change.

"Pennsylvania's climate has been steadily warming over the past century and if it continues, such warming will have disastrous impacts to our environment and economy," Quigley said. "We are particularly interested in projects that actively seek to limit or reduce the rate of long-term climate change through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions."

[Read more.](#)

## DEP Schedules Additional Pipeline Taskforce Meeting



Task force members discuss the contents of their draft report during the meeting held on Nov. 18.

Westmoreland Room,  
DEP New Stanton Office,  
131 Broadview Rd., New  
Stanton. Contact: Allison  
D. Gaida, 724-404-3147.

### Jan. 13

Pennsylvania Pipeline  
Infrastructure Task Force  
meeting, 1 p.m.,  
Conference Rooms A, B  
and C, Administration  
Building, Dixon University  
Center, 2986 North  
Second St., Harrisburg.  
Contact: Karyn Yordy,  
717-787-2814.



**Speakers  
Bureau**



**Public Input**

### Dec. 29

Deadline to comment on  
the draft Governor's  
Pipeline Infrastructure  
Task Force Report. Visit:  
[ecomment@pa.gov](mailto:ecomment@pa.gov)

### Jan. 4

Deadline to comment on  
the draft Mining  
Guidance: Permit  
Transfers (DEP ID: 563-  
2112-218). Visit:  
[ecomment@pa.gov](mailto:ecomment@pa.gov)



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air, land and water from  
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for health and safety of  
its citizens through a  
cleaner environment.

HARRISBURG -- DEP recently announced an additional meeting for the Pipeline Infrastructure Task Force to continue the review of suggestions for the draft report. The meeting will be held from 1 PM to 4 PM on December 16, 2015 at the DEP South Central Regional Office.

A public comment period on the draft report is being extended until Dec. 29, 2015. The report can be found here. Public comments are being accepted through eComment.

The meeting agenda will be dedicated to reviewing the recommendations and a dedicated time for comments from members of the public that wish to attend.

Public seating will be limited, and the meeting will also be streamed live at [http://pacast.com/players/live\\_dep.asp](http://pacast.com/players/live_dep.asp).

## DEP to Host Public Meeting on Proposed Power Plant in Lackawanna County

WILKES-BARRE -- DEP will host a public meeting and hearing for an application by Lackawanna Energy Center, LLC of Chicago, to discharge treated wastewater from a proposed power plant in Jessup, Lackawanna County. The public meeting and hearing will be held from 6-9 P.M., Monday, January 4 at Valley View High School, 1 Columbus Drive, Archbald.

The permit application is for a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the proposed 1500-megawatt facility to be constructed on Industrial Drive in Jessup.

[Read more.](#)

## Winslow Township Mine Reclamation Project Moving Forward

MEADVILLE -- DEP has selected P & N Coal Company, Inc. of Punxsutawney for a mine reclamation project in Winslow Township, Jefferson County, which will help eliminate safety hazards, promote positive drainage and contribute to the improved use of the property for wildlife.

"We continue to reclaim abandoned mine sites in Pennsylvania," says Roger Bowman, Section Chief from the Knox office of the DEP. "This is another example of cleaning up old mines and restoring the natural habitat."

[Read more.](#)

## DEP Employees Give Generously to Local Charities



Donations of toys and food line the hallway of DEP's Southwest Regional Office in Pittsburgh.

HARRISBURG -- DEP employees across the state are helping local charities by organizing donation and food drives this holiday season.

Employees in DEP's Southwest Regional Office in Pittsburgh collected presents for kids served by the Salvation Army and food for the Greater Pittsburgh Foodbank. More than 50 toys were collected for the toy drive and a carload of food for those less fortunate.

And in Meadville, employees collected about 25 lbs. of non-perishable food and donated it to the food bank at the Cornerstone Church.

## Happy Holidays from DEP



This 11-ft. Fraser Fir in the lobby of the Rachel Carson State Office Building came from Tannenbaum's Christmas Tree Farm in Centre County, a member of the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association. Staff from DCNR's Bureau of Forestry delivers the tree to Harrisburg each year.

HARRISBURG -- DEP News will resume publication on Thursday, January 7, 2016. We wish our readers a safe and happy holiday season and prosperous new year.



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