

News

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Tom Wolf, Governor | John Quigley, Secretary



DEP Calendar of Events

Jan. 11

DEP South-central Regional Roundtable meeting, 11 a.m., Susquehanna Rooms A&B, 909 Elmerton Ave., Harrisburg. Contact: John Repetz, jrepetz@pa.gov

Jan. 13

Conventional Oil and Gas Advisory Committee meeting, 10 a.m., Room 105, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg. Contact: Kurt Klappkowski, kklappkowsk@pa.gov

Jan. 13

Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment meeting, 10 a.m., Westmoreland Room, DEP New Stanton Office, 131 Broadview Rd., New Stanton. Contact Allison Gaida, agaida@pa.gov

Jan. 13

Pennsylvania Pipeline Infrastructure Task Force Meeting, 1 p.m., Conference Rooms A, B and C, Administration Building, 2986 North Second St., Harrisburg. Contact: Karyn Yordy, kyordy@pa.gov

Jan. 14

Oil and Gas Technical Advisory Board meeting, 10 a.m., Room 105, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg. Contact: Kurt Klappkowski, kklappkowsk@pa.gov

Jan. 25

DEP Northcentral Roundtable meeting, 6:30 p.m., 208 W. Third St., Suite 101, Williamsport. Contact Dan Spadoni, dspadoni@pa.gov

DEP Sends Final Oil and Gas Rules to Environmental Quality Board



The rulemaking enables responsible drilling, while protecting public health and the environment.

HARRISBURG -- DEP transmitted the final "Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites" rulemaking (Chapters 78 and 78a) to the state Environmental Quality Board (EQB) for review on Jan. 6. This step brings the rules closer to enactment, and continues DEP's commitment to modernizing and strengthening the environmental controls employed by both the conventional and unconventional industries to assure the protection of public health, safety, and the environment.

DEP provided EQB with more than 2,800 pages of materials supporting the rulemaking, including the executive summary, the regulatory language, a fact sheet, the order, and regulatory analysis form. The package also includes the comment and response document, in which every one of the almost 28,000 comments were addressed by DEP. Taken together, the order, regulatory analysis form, and comment and response document provide the justification for the final-form rulemaking.

[Read more.](#)

DEP Assesses Two Civil Penalties Against Kinder Morgan for Storage Tank Violations

NORRISTOWN -- DEP assessed two civil penalties totaling

Jan. 25

DEP public meeting on Chrin Landfill's permit application to expand its existing facility in Williams Township, Northampton County, 6-9 p.m., Wilson Area High School, 424 Warrior Lane, Easton. Contact: Colleen Connelly, coconnally@pa.gov

Jan. 26

Tenaska Pennsylvania Partners LLC public hearing for a proposed air quality plan approval for the Tenaska Westmoreland Generating Station, 6-8 p.m., Turkeytown-South Huntington Township Volunteer Fire Department, 90 Supervisor Dr., West Newton. Contact John Poister, jpoister@pa.gov.

Jan. 28

Small Water Systems Technical Assistance Center (TAC) Board meeting, 9 a.m., Room 105, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St., Harrisburg. Contact: Dawn Hissner, dhissner@pa.gov

Feb. 3

Environmental Quality Board meeting, 9 a.m., Room 105, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St., Harrisburg. Contact: Laura Edinger, ledinger@pa.gov



Upcoming Webinars

Jan. 13

Conventional Oil and Gas Advisory Committee meeting webinar, 10 a.m. Register [here](#).

Jan. 14

Oil and Gas Technical Advisory Board meeting webinar, 10 a.m. Register [here](#).



Speakers Bureau



Public Input

Jan. 19

Deadline to comment on the Reissuance of NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Mining Activities

\$745,000 against Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminals, Inc. (Kinder Morgan) for multiple violations at two facilities in Philadelphia. Through two separate Consent Assessments of Civil Penalty, Kinder Morgan has agreed to resolve civil penalty liability for violations of the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act at both the Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminal ("Liquids Terminal") on N. Delaware Ave. and Kinder Morgan Point Breeze Terminal (Point Breeze Terminal) on Passyunk Ave.

The first penalty, in the amount of \$570,000, addresses violations relating to a release of approximately 8,000 gallons of fuel grade ethanol from an aboveground storage tank at the Liquids Terminal, which reached soil and groundwater through a failed containment structure. Kinder Morgan neglected to investigate a suspected release as quickly as the law requires and was untimely with the notification of the release to downstream water users. DEP is working with Kinder Morgan on improving its procedures for responding to a release and on ensuring the adequacy of all of its containment structures. Kinder Morgan is in the process of cleaning this site.

[Read more.](#)

Pennsylvania Residents Urged to Test Homes for Radon



Watch the new radon public service announcement on [DEP's YouTube channel](#).

HARRISBURG -- DEP is urging all Pennsylvanians to test their homes for radon, a deadly radioactive gas that's the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers in the United States. DEP also urged residents to take action to reduce radon levels in their homes if they are high.

"Due to our geology, radon is found everywhere in Pennsylvania. For that reason, we urge residents to test their homes to protect themselves and their family's health," said DEP Secretary John Quigley. "Winter is the best time to test your home for radon because doors and windows are typically closed and tightly sealed, producing the most accurate results."

January is Radon Action Month, and a great time to test. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets the "action level" for radon at 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) of air. Residents with levels at or above that figure should take steps to lower them.

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Partnership for Safe Water Recognizes 4 Pa. Water Treatment Plants

(BMP GP-104). Visit [eComment](#).



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DEP's Mission:

to protect Pennsylvania's air, land and water from pollution and to provide for health and safety of its citizens through a cleaner environment.



Left to right: Gene Koontz, AWWA; Paul Zielinski, PFSW; Dan Hufton, Pa. American Water; Randy Straub, PFSW; and Jim Chaffee, AWWA.

HARRISBURG -- Four Pennsylvania American water treatment plants – Bangor, Brownell, Crystal Lake and Nesbitt – each received the “Presidents Award” from the Partnership for Safe Water (PFSW), a voluntary effort to provide safe drinking water to consumers. Presently, the combined treatment plants provide drinking water service to approximately 87,000 people.

The PFSW is made up of representatives of DEP, EPA, the Pennsylvania Section American Water Works Association, and other national drinking water organizations. Its goal is to implement preventative measures that are based on optimizing treatment plant performance and maximizing the protection of public health.

The Presidents Award recognizes public water suppliers for achieving stringent individual filter performance goals for turbidity. With the addition of these four treatment plants, a total of 15 plants in Pennsylvania have received this award from the PFSW.

For more information, visit [DEP's website](#).

Learn How to Go Green, Pa. at DEP's New Farm Show Exhibit



DEP's new Go Green, PA display is located near the butterfly sculpture in the Main Hall of the Farm Show Complex.

HARRISBURG -- Visitors to the 100th Pennsylvania Farm Show can learn how to live green, plant green, build green and save green at DEP's new interactive exhibit, titled, "Go Green, PA."

The new exhibit features lots of energy-saving and green product information for both inside and outside your home.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show is the nation's largest indoor agricultural event, featuring 6,000 animals, 10,000 competitive exhibits, and 300 commercial exhibitors.

The show runs 8 a.m.-9 p.m., January 9-15.

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