

News

from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection



Tom Wolf, Governor | Patrick McDonnell, Acting Secretary



DEP Calendar of Events

Oct. 13

State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater Systems Operators meeting, 10 a.m., 10th Floor Conference Room, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St., Harrisburg. Contact: Cheri Sansoni, csansoni@pa.gov

Oct. 18

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

Oct. 18

Citizens Advisory Council meeting, 10 a.m., Room 105, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St., Harrisburg. Contact: Glenda Davidson, glidavidson@pa.gov

Oct. 26

Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee meeting, 10 a.m., 12th Floor Conference Room, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St., Harrisburg. Contact: Nancy Herb, nherb@pa.gov

Nov. 15

Environmental Justice Advisory Board meeting, 8:30a.m., Delaware Conference Room, 16th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg. Contact: Carl Jones, caejone@pa.gov

Nov. 15

Environmental Quality

New Regulations of Shale Drilling Take Effect



Chapter 78A regulations strengthen water protections and improve public data access

HARRISBURG -- New Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations on unconventional gas drilling will be published in the October 8, 2016 edition of the Pennsylvania Bulletin and become effective upon publication. The new rules regulate unconventional drilling practices and hydraulic fracturing, as well as related activities. DEP has worked extensively with the natural gas industry to prepare for smooth adoption of the new requirements, which will help protect Pennsylvania's air, water, natural resources as well as the health of residents.

"These regulations are a long time in coming and have undergone one of the most transparent and participatory processes ever overseen by DEP," said Acting DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell. "The final result is a set of regulations that increase protection for public resources and water supplies, improve data transparency, enhance access to relevant information for the public, and help provide business certainty to the industry."

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Governor Wolf Announces a New State/Federal Partnership to Bring \$28 Million to Help Farmers in Bay Watershed Improve Local Water Quality

Board meeting, 9 a.m.,
Room 105, Rachel
Carson State Office
Building, 400 Market
Street, Harrisburg.
Contact: Jennifer Swan.
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Nov. 15

Citizens Advisory Council
meeting, 10 a.m., Room
105, Rachel Carson State
Office Building, 400
Market St., Harrisburg.
Contact: Glenda
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Nov. 16

Cleanup Standards
Scientific Advisory Board
meeting, 9 a.m., 14th
Floor Conference Room,
Rachel Carson State
Office Building, 400
Market Street, Harrisburg.
Contact: Michael
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Nov. 17

Radiation Protection
Advisory Committee
meeting, 9 a.m., 14th
Floor Conference Room,
Rachel Carson State
Office Building, 400
Market Street, Harrisburg.
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Acting DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell attends the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council with Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding, Governor Tom Wolf, and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Dunn.

BOYCE, VA -- Governor Tom Wolf today announced that farmers in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed will be on the receiving end of \$28 million in state and federal funding to assist in Pennsylvania's efforts to minimize negative effects of runoff on local water quality and ultimately, the Bay.

"What remains clear is that Pennsylvania has been, and continues to make strides toward protecting and improving local water quality, but we know that we have additional work to do to make sure every producer is operating in a way that minimizes impacts to local water quality, and ultimately to the Bay," Governor Wolf said. "We must continue to develop and deploy effective targeting in high-priority areas, support community-based and locally-led approaches to conservation, collaboratively seek new funding opportunities, and engage all stakeholders – federal, state, local, public, private, non-profit – in our approach to local water quality."

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GO-TIME: Centralized Grant System to Streamline, Consolidate Application Process

HARRISBURG -- Applicants for the 2017 round of Environmental Education Grants that opened today will be the first to use a centralized eGrants system developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and deployed by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The new process is one of DEP's initiatives developed through the Governor's Office of Transformation, Innovation, Management and Efficiency (GO-TIME).

"Centralizing the awarding of grant money and eliminating the outdated paper-driven application process will speed up the awarding of grants and improve service to the public, local governments, universities and the business community who apply for them," DEP Acting Secretary Patrick McDonnell said. "This is the first of DEP's grant programs to be rolled out using this electronic centralized system that is expected to reduce costs and speed up the process of reviewing and awarding."

The new eGrants system will replace the old paper-driven grant application process allowing applications to be submitted and

tracked electronically. DEP's review of applications and attachments, scoring and processing of grant contracts will also be electronic, cutting the amount of time it takes to award and process grants as well the amounts of paper/postage used.

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Meadville Redevelopment Authority Receives ENERGY STAR Label Certification for the Victor C. Leap Building



Left to right, Jim Miller, DEP Regional Director; Geoff Bristow, Regional Pollution and Prevention Compliance Assistant Manager; Jill Withey, Executive Director of Meadville Redevelopment Authority.

MEADVILLE -- The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Meadville Redevelopment Authority (MRA) announced today that they have obtained the ENERGY STAR Label Certification for the Victor C. Leap office building at 230 Chestnut Street in Meadville.

The Victor C. Leap Commonwealth Office Building is an approximate 63,000 square foot building and is owned by the Meadville Redevelopment Authority. Its sole occupant is home to DEP's Northwest Regional Office with approximately 200 office and field staff based there.

The building was constructed in 1994 and has been continuously occupied by the DEP since opening. Early attempts to benchmark data going back to the late 1990's showed an ENERGY STAR rating in the low 50's on a scale of 1-100. As of April 2016, the current ENERGY STAR score is 93. The MRA worked in conjunction with DEP to identify and prioritize energy improvement projects such as lighting, HVAC zone controls and balancing, and replacing a 30kW humidifier with a natural gas humidifier resulting in the ENERGY STAR Label Certification. To attain ENERGY STAR certification, the building must be in the top 25% in energy efficiency. In addition, ENERGY STAR certified office buildings use 35% less energy, generate 35% fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and cost 50 cents less per square foot to operate.

From its beginning in 1992, The ENERGY STAR program has helped identify and promote energy efficiency in products, homes and building nationwide. For more information about ENERGY STAR please visit: <https://www.energystar.gov/>.

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