

News from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection



Tom Wolf, Governor | John Quigley, Secretary



DEP Calendar of Events

Sept. 19

Lake Erie International Coastal Cleanup. There are 17 different volunteer locations in Erie County. register [here](#).

Sept. 21

Clean Power Plan Listening Session, Roberts Hall, Singleton Room, 4th Floor, Carnegie Mellon University, 5000 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh. Contact: Jen Swan, 717-783-8727.

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DEP public hearing on the Proposed State Implementation Plan Revision: 2011 Base Year Emissions Inventory for the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, Lancaster, Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City (Pennsylvania Portion), Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, and Reading Nonattainment Areas for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards, Delaware River Room, 1 p.m., DEP Southeast Regional Office, 2 East Main St., Norristown. Contact: Alex Haas, 717-787-9495.

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DEP Holds the First of 14 Listening Sessions on the Federal Clean Power Plan



Dwayne Jackson, Sr., president of the Pennsylvania state conference of NAACP branches, provides input on the plan.

HARRISBURG -- DEP Secretary John Quigley, Policy Director Patrick McDonnell, and Deputy Secretary Ken Reisinger led the first of an unprecedented 14 listening sessions on Pennsylvania's compliance with the EPA's Clean Power Plan. More than 60 people attended the session held Sept. 15 at DEP's South-central Regional Office in Harrisburg.

"DEP is in full listening mode," Quigley said as he opened the floor to 27 speakers.

Citizen and stakeholder groups discussed their concerns about the plan to reduce carbon emissions in Pennsylvania by 33 percent by 2030. A majority of the speakers underscored the need for DEP to submit a plan tailor-made for Pennsylvania's unique energy portfolio while still growing the economy.

Speakers offered suggestions such as building greener buildings, emphasizing nuclear power, and focusing on natural gas power as ways Pennsylvania can comply with the Clean Power Plan.

Upcoming listening session locations can be found [here](#).

DEP Secretary Quigley Discusses Climate Change with the Pa. Association of Floodplain Managers

Southwest Regional Office, 400 Waterfront Dr., Pittsburgh. Contact: Alex Haas, 717-787-9495.

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Sept. 22

Clean Power Plan Listening Session, 9 a.m., Heritage Hall A, Conference Center at Pitt-Johnstown, 450 Schoolhouse Rd. Johnstown. Contact: Jen Swan, 717-783-8727.

Sept. 22

Clean Power Plan Listening Session, 6 p.m., Waynesburg Central High School Auditorium, 30 Zimmerman Dr., Waynesburg. Contact: Jen Swan, 717-783-8727.

Sept. 22

Aggregate Advisory Board's Regulatory, Legislative and Technical Subcommittee meeting, 8 a.m., 8th Floor Conference Room, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St., Harrisburg. Contact: Daniel Snowden, 717-783-8846.

Sept. 23

Pennsylvania Pipeline Infrastructure Task Force meeting, 1 p.m., Susquehanna Conference Rooms A & B, DEP South-central Regional Office, 909 Elmerton Ave., Harrisburg. Contact: Karyn Yordy, 717-787-2814.

Sept. 23

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.



DEP Secretary John Quigley talks about how climate changes will disrupt the water cycle, potentially leading to more floods.

HARRISBURG -- The Pennsylvania Association of Floodplain Managers held its annual fall meeting in Harrisburg on Sept. 16. DEP Secretary Quigley delivered the keynote address.

"Floodplain managers will be on the front lines of climate disruption," he said before a group of more than 60 flood and stormwater professionals. "Science is showing us that not only are the changes and disruptions to our state's climate significant, but they are occurring alarmingly fast."

Quigley explained that, according to the Climate Impacts Assessment Update published by the Pennsylvania State University, Philadelphia can expect to have a climate similar to present-day Richmond, Virginia by 2050. He also noted that with that warming has come disruption in the water cycle, and as such a higher flood potential.

Quigley discussed the need for smart updates to Pennsylvania's water plan, as well as DEP's partnership with DCNR to commit to riparian buffers, to combat the impacts of climate change. "We have to partner and collaborate to address the implications of climate change, the largest uncontrolled chemistry experiment in history," he said.

To read the Climate Impacts Assessment, click [here](#).

DEP Reaches Penalty Agreement with Research Laboratory REI Consultants

HARRISBURG -- DEP announced Sept. 16 that it has fined research laboratory REI Consultants, Inc. (REIC) \$75,000 for violations at its Beaver, WV, lab. REI Consultants will also need to fund a third party assessor to review the lab's abilities to meet accreditation standards as part of the consent order and agreement with DEP.

"We believe, with this agreement, REIC will become a lab that consistently generates valid and accurate data," said Dr. Martina McGarvey, director of the DEP Bureau of Laboratories.

In March 2015, DEP's Laboratory Accreditation Program conducted a regularly scheduled on-site assessment of REIC and found that the laboratory's management was not providing adequate oversight and training of the laboratory personnel. In addition, there were numerous violations during the data review and on-site assessment of REIC. Based upon the DEP's assessment, REIC agreed to voluntarily relinquish certain accreditations and the DEP then suspended other areas of

Sept. 23

DEP public information session regarding the Powderly Creek Northeast Underground Mine Fire Reclamation Project in Carbondale, Lackawanna County, 6 p.m., Carbondale City Hall, 1 North Main St., Carbondale. Contact: Colleen Connolly, 570-826-2035.

Sept. 24

Annual Meeting of Solid Waste Advisory and Recycling Fund Advisory committees, 10 a.m., Room 105, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St., Harrisburg. Contact: Richard Ashley, 717-787-2553.

Sept. 28

Clean Power Plan Listening Session, 6 p.m., Henry Student Center Ballroom, 2nd Floor, Wilkes University, 84 West South St. Wilkes-Barre. Contact: Jen Swan, 717-783-8727.

Sept. 30

Laboratory Accreditation Advisory Committee meeting, 9 a.m., DEP Bureau of Laboratories Building, 2575 Interstate Dr., Harrisburg. Contact: Aaren Alger, 717-346-8212.

Sept. 30

Clean Power Plan Listening Session, 1 p.m., Kleinman Center, Fisher Fine Arts Building, Room 401, University of Pennsylvania, S. 34th St., Philadelphia. Contact: Jen Swan, 717-783-8727.

Sept. 30

Clean Power Plan Listening Session, 6 p.m., Marcus Hook Community Center, 7 West Delaware Ave., Marcus Hook. Contact: Jen Swan, 717-783-8727.

Oct. 2

Low-Level Waste Advisory Committee (LLWAC) meeting, 10 a.m., Room 105, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St., Harrisburg. Contact: Rich Janati, 717-787-2147.

Oct. 5

Clean Power Plan Listening Session, 2 p.m., Crystal Ballroom, White Rose Event Center, Wyndham Garden York, 2000 Loucks Rd., York. Contact: Jen Swan, 717-783-8727.

accreditation for the fields impacted by the violations.

[Read more.](#)

DEP to Update the Public on Lackawanna County Mine Fire Project

WILKES-BARRE -- DEP will hold a public information session regarding the Powderly Creek Northeast Underground Mine Fire Reclamation Project in Carbondale, Lackawanna County. The session will be held on Wednesday Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. at the Carbondale City Hall located at 1 North Main St.

The project, located on approximately 108 acres near the city, is designed to eliminate an abandoned underground mine fire and reclaim approximately 82 acres of nearby abandoned mine lands, including dangerous 130-foot "highwalls" made of coal refuse and surrounding debris piles.

[Read more.](#)

Williamsport Joins Partnership for Safe Water's New Distribution Optimization Program



HARRISBURG -- Williamsport Municipal Water Authority in Lycoming County recently became a member of a new program operated by the Partnership for Safe Water (PFSW). The Distribution Optimization Program is specifically focused on preserving distribution system integrity to include water quality preservation, hydraulic

reliability and physical security.

Surface water, groundwater, and consecutive water systems are eligible to enroll in the voluntary program that consists of four phases including a commitment to the program, annual data collection and submittal, a self assessment phase, and a final phase of Excellence in Distribution System Operation.

Williamsport's water system provides drinking water service to approximately 51,000 people.

For more information, email Kevin Anderson at keanderson@pa.gov Information is also available on DEP's website (keyword: "filtration").

Lake Erie Cleanup Seeks Volunteers to Clean Up Shoreline



The cleanup effort will take place between 9 a.m. and noon this Saturday at nearly 20 sites in Erie County.

Oct. 8

Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee meeting, 9:15 a.m., Room 105, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St., Harrisburg. Contact: Nancy Herb, 717-783-9269.



Upcoming Webinars

Sept. 18

Joint webinar meeting of the Conventional Oil and Gas Advisory Committee and the Oil and Gas Technical Advisory Board, 9 a.m. Click [here](#) to access the webinar.

Oct. 8

DEP and the Pa. Recycling Markets Center e-scrap municipal contracting webinar, 11 a.m. Register [here](#).

Oct. 27

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Public Input

Sept. 21

Deadline to comment on the Proposed SIP Revision: 2011 Base Year Inventory for the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, Lanc, Phila-Wilmington-AC, Pitt-Beaver Valley, and Reading for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS. Contact: Alex Haas, 717-787-9495.

Sept. 23

Deadline to comment on the Land Recycling Program Technical Guidance Manual for Vapor Intrusion into Buildings from Groundwater and Soil under Act 2 (261-0300-101). Contact: Troy Conrad, 717-783-9480.

Sept. 28

Deadline to comment on Nutrient Credit Trading Program Certification Request: Unlimited Renewables (Lancaster County), CAFO layer manure from Esbenshade and Kreider farms. Contact: Jay Braund, 717-772-5636.

Sept. 30

Deadline to comment on Nutrient Credit Trading Program Certification Request (Inter-Basin): Greencastle (Franklin

MEADVILLE -- DEP invites the public to join them and partners to clean up and improve the Lake Erie watershed by participating in the Pennsylvania-Lake Erie International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 19.

Through this annual event, more than 13,916 dedicated volunteers have removed more than 115,033 pounds of debris and trash from the Lake Erie shoreline and watershed during the past 12 years.

"This is the 13th annual cleanup along the Lake Erie shoreline and tributaries," DEP Northwest Regional Director John Guth said.

"Past events have been so successful and so well-attended that this year we've added newer sites in the city of Erie and the Edinboro area."

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County), for nutrient credits generated in the Potomac River Basin for use in the Susquehanna River Basin. Contact: Jay Braund, 717-772-5636.

Oct. 13

Deadline to comment on the Proposed Rulemaking: Control of VOC Emissions from Miscellaneous Metal Parts Surface Coating Processes, Miscellaneous Plastic Parts Surface Coating Processes and Pleasure Craft Surface Coatings. Contact: Kirit Dalal, 717-772-3436.

Oct. 13

Deadline to comment on the Proposed Rulemaking: Control of VOC Emissions from Automobile and Light-Duty Truck Assembly Coating Operations and Heavier Vehicle Coating Operations. Contact: Kirit Dalal, 717-772-3436.

Oct. 14

Deadline to comment on the Modification of Residual Waste General Permit WMGR052. Contact: 717-787-7381.

Nov. 4

Deadline to comment on the 2015 Pennsylvania Climate Impacts Assessment Update. Contact: 717-783-8727.

Nov. 12

Deadline to comment on Pennsylvania's Path to Compliance with EPA's Final Rule for Carbon Pollution Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: EGUs (Clean Power Plan). Contact: ecomment@pa.gov.



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