

ADAPTATION to CLIMATE CHANGE KICK-OFF MEETING

Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Rachel Carson State Office Building Auditorium
400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA

AGENDA

- 10:00 AM Welcome and Statement of Purpose
✚ Joe Sherrick, Department of Environmental Protection
- 10:05 AM Opening Remarks
✚ DEP Secretary John Hanger
✚ DCNR Acting Secretary John Quigley
- 10:20 AM PA Assessment of Climate Change Impacts and Temperature Trends
✚ James S. Shortle, Ph.D., Penn State University
- 10:40 AM Impacts on the Insurance Industry
✚ Kyle Beatty, Willis Re Inc.
- 11:00 AM Delaware River Basin Case Study
✚ Jessica Sanchez, Delaware River Basin Commission
- 11:15 AM Questions and Answers
- 11:30 AM Road mapping and Working Groups
- PA Climate Change Act (Act 70 of 2008)
 - Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC)
 - Climate Change Action Plan
 - Need to Address Adaptation; What Other States are Doing
 - Establishment of Working Groups and Central Architecture
 - Discussion of Suggested Working Groups (Sectors)
 - Natural Resources
 - Public Health & Safety
 - Infrastructure
 - Tourism & Outdoor Recreation
 - Central Architecture
 - DEP coordinates with all working groups
 - DEP coordinates with CCAC
 - “Weathering Climate Change: Suggestions for a Statewide Planning Process”
✚ Nels Johnson, The Nature Conservancy
- 12:00 PM Desired Outcomes for 2010
- Adaptation-focused Process
 - Living/fluid process; not once and done
 - White Paper from each working group
 - Identification of priorities, needs and barriers
 - Identification of Stakeholders
 - Group Leaders (Co-chairs)
- 12:15 PM Questions and Answers
- 12:30 PM Adjourn