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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SECRETARY

December 31, 2013

The Honorable Tom Corbett  
Governor  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Room 225, Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Corbett:

It is my pleasure to present to you, the *Pennsylvania Climate Change Action Plan Update* as required by the Pennsylvania Climate Change Act, Act 70 of 2008. The Climate Change Advisory Committee and Center for Climate Strategies provided advice to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the completion of this Action Plan update. This is the first update to the original Climate Change Action Plan that was issued in December 2009.

This Action Plan update identifies techniques and strategies that are not only cost-effective, but in many instances result in cost savings, environmental benefits, reduced carbon emissions and a positive impact on Pennsylvania's economy. While this Action Plan update identifies those actions that have taken place between 2010 through 2012, actions related to the reduction of greenhouse gases (GHGs) throughout Pennsylvania have accelerated through 2013. Included in this Action Plan update is discussion of the recent state, federal and business community initiatives that reduce GHGs.

This Action Plan update reflects Pennsylvania's holistic approach to managing environmental issues and is a principal reason for the corresponding decline in GHG emissions and improved economic outlook. Overall, Pennsylvania's future gross GHG emissions are expected to be lower with reductions in the residential, commercial, transportation, agriculture and waste sectors. Yet according the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Pennsylvania's unemployment rate has steadily improved from a high of 8.7 percent in 2010 to 7.3 percent in November 2013.

The Department is pleased to provide this report and update you on Pennsylvania's continued progress in addressing greenhouse emissions and preserving our environment and natural resources for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E. Christopher Abruzzo".

E. Christopher Abruzzo  
Secretary

cc: Senator Gene Yaw  
Senator John Yudichak  
Representative Ron Miller  
Representative Greg Vitali