

Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee

On July 24, 2012, Gov. Corbett issued [Executive Order 2012-11 \(PDF\)](#), requiring DEP to implement a Permit Decision Guarantee by immediately:

- Assessing how best to make timely permitting decisions;
- Providing clear expectations for applicants to improve the quality of applications;
- Establishing performance measures for review staff; and
- Developing, improving and encouraging electronic permitting tools.

For the last 18 months, DEP has been reviewing all existing permitting procedures and now is working to make several effective improvements. Providing regulatory certainty to local governments, non-profit organizations and businesses is critical. DEP's focus will be on receiving complete and adequate applications and the amount of time it should take to review them.

Final Policies

Executive Order 2012-11 rescinded a 1995 Executive Order establishing the Money Back Guarantee. The "Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee" policy, which can be viewed below, replaces the former Money Back Guarantee policy. The "Permit Coordination Policy" provides how DEP will review projects in need of multiple permits. Each policy also has an accompanying comment and response document, which includes a discussion on comments received during the public comment period. DEP published draft versions of these policies on Sept. 1 for a 30-day public comment period that ended Oct. 1.

- [Bulletin Notice Announcing Final Policies](#) (PDF)
- [Final Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee Policy](#) (PDF)
- [Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee Policy Comment and Response](#) (PDF)
- [Final Permit Coordination Policy](#) (PDF)
- [Permit Coordination Policy Comment and Response Document](#) (PDF)

Learning More about the Permit Decision Guarantee

If you have questions about the Permit Decision Guarantee and DEP's revised permitting process, visit the [Permit Decision Guarantee FAQ \(PDF\)](#) to learn more or visit www.depweb.state.pa.us and click on the **Permit Decision Guarantee** button.



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