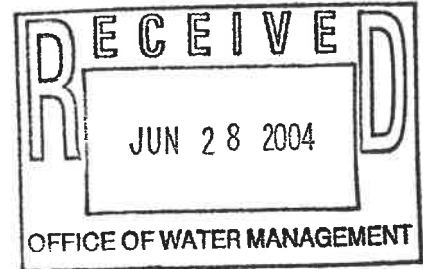




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The Honorable Edward G. Rendell
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capital Building
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Re: Statewide Water Planning

Dear Governor Rendell:

I am pleased to report to you that the Statewide Committee established under the Water Resources Planning Act ("Act 220") is up and running. Our initial meeting was on May 10, 2004 in Harrisburg. Since that time, we have established subcommittees to address the areas of Policy and Integration, Critical Water Planning Areas, and Public Outreach, and those subcommittees are actively addressing the issues. Our next Statewide Committee Meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2004. The Department of Environmental Protection is doing an excellent job of working with the Statewide and Regional Committees to implement the requirements of Act 220. To this end, we encourage you and Secretary McGinty to continue to ensure that the Department's efforts are adequately funded so that we can finalize a Statewide Water Plan by the statutory deadline of March 2008.

During our May 10th meeting, the Statewide Committee observed that it would be useful to have a representative from the Department of Transportation participate in many of our discussions. We believe that many of the infrastructure issues associated with water planning will be tied directly to PennDOT specifications and guidelines for roads. As such, we respectfully request that you consider designating a PennDOT representative to join us in the water planning process.

On behalf of the Statewide Committee, I thank you and your administration for your continued support of the Act 220 water planning process.

Sincerely,



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Interim Chair, Statewide Water Committee

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