

Program Updates

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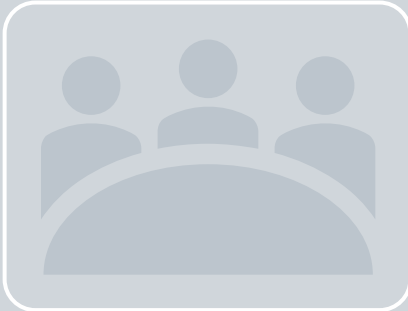
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Strategic Goal Pillars



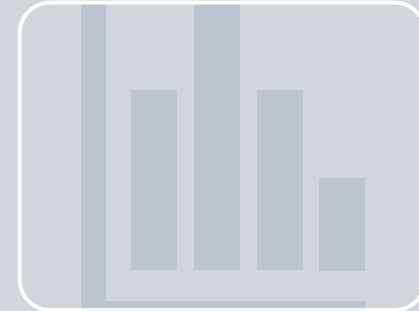
Empower a
Future-Ready
Workforce
through
Innovation,
Learning, and
Leadership



Elevate
Customer
Experience in
Support of
Environmental
Outcomes



Modernize
Operations and
Foster a Unified,
Higher-
Performing DEP



Build a
Transparent,
Data-Driven
Organization

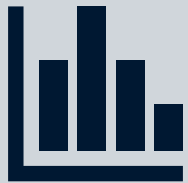


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Regulatory and Policy Considerations

Data Signals

Where is improvement needed and what kinds of compliance issues can be addressed through the rulemaking or policy-development process? Have there been incidents that demand a regulatory solution?



Current State of Activity

What is the current and anticipated level of industry activity? What operations (e.g., drilling/well construction, surface permitting, decommissioning) represent the current state?



Deadlines

Are there statutes or agency processes that interface with rulemaking or policy-development efforts and introduce timelines?



Peer Jurisdictions

Are there regulatory/policy gaps in Pennsylvania that are addressed effectively in other states?





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Legacy Wells

Addressing Risk



Stray Gas Migration and Climate Impact

Protecting the
Environment



Impaired Streams & Wetlands

Reclaiming Land



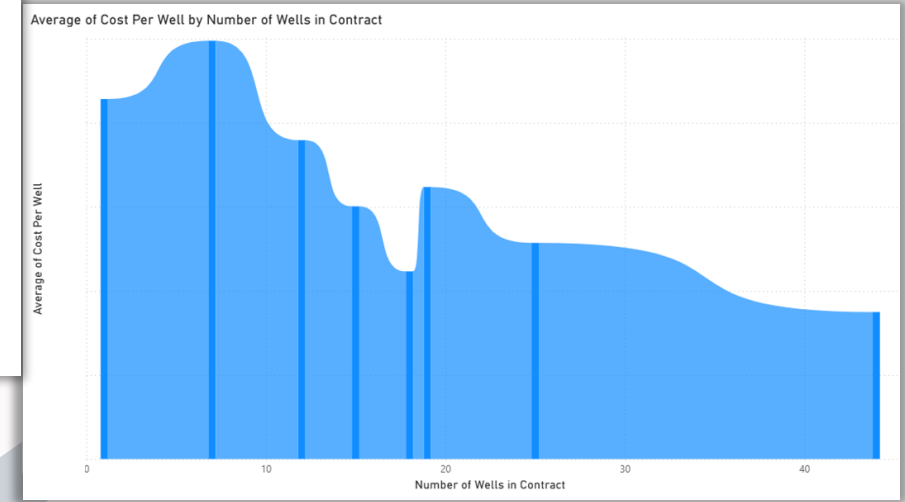
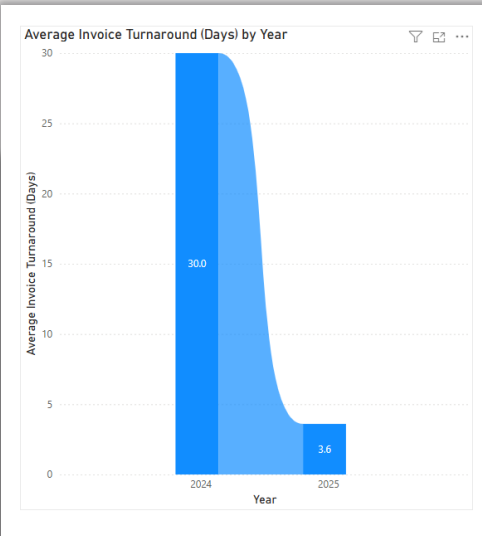
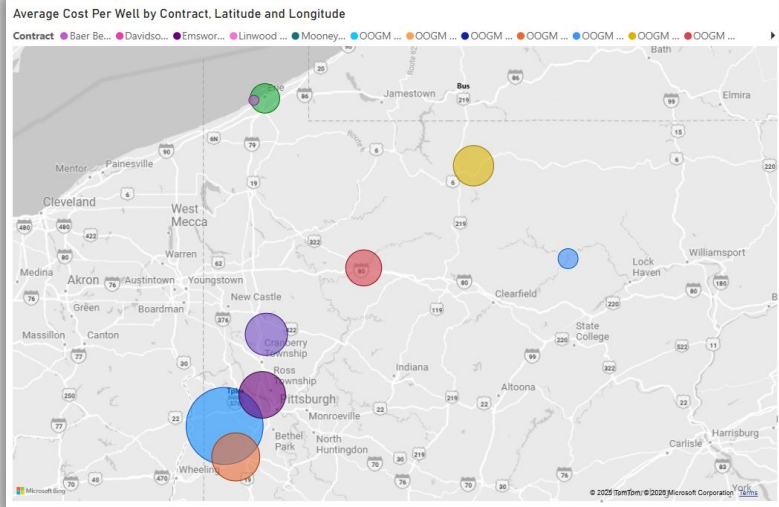
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Optimization



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Other Key Initiatives

Partnerships

- University of Pittsburgh
- Harrisburg University & IUP
- EDF & DOE

Stakeholder Engagement

- Produced Water
- Well Plugging
- Carbon Management

Continuous Improvement

- PPC Plans & Chemical Disclosure
- Permitting Performance
- Inspection Efficiencies



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