August 18, 2020

Dear DEP Staff Members:

The Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would like to commend all agency staff at DEP for the exceptional continuity of operations displayed during the COVID-19 global pandemic. As we have heard at our monthly meetings and in feedback from the regulated community, you have endeavored to operate effectively and efficiently despite the numerous challenges presented by the pandemic.

The work ethic, coordination, and professionalism displayed by DEP employees should be recognized as a model for conducting state government business during an emergency, particularly as most transitioned to telework.

DEP staff have answered the call to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth, protect our natural resources, and keep projects moving to support our economy—all while adjusting to the strain the pandemic placed on all of our personal lives and families.

The CAC commends this tremendous effort and appreciates the work you have done during these trying times. On behalf of the citizens of this Commonwealth, thank you!

Sincerely,

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Jerome Shabazz
Chair
Citizens Advisory Council