

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD MEETING
August 11, 2026

VOTING MEMBERS AND/OR ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jessica Shirley, Chairperson, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection
Jacob Finkel, alternate for Akbar Hossain, Secretary, Governor's Office of Policy and Planning
Greg Hostetter, alternate for Russell Redding, Secretary, Department of Agriculture
Adam Walters, alternate for Frederick Siger, Secretary, Department of Community & Economic Development
Kristen Rodack, alternate for Dr. Debra Bogen, Secretary, Department of Health
Kristen Bentz, alternate for Nancy Walker, Secretary, Department of Labor and Industry
Kennedy O'Dell, alternate for Michael Carroll, Secretary, Department of Transportation
Heather Gahagan, alternate for Tim Schaeffer, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
David Yoxheimer, alternate for Stephen Smith, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Game Commission
Andrea Lowery, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
Regi Sam, alternate for Stephen DeFrank, Chair, Public Utility Commission
Matt Osenbach, alternate for Senator Gene Yaw, Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee
Emily Eyster, alternate for Senator Carolyn Comitta, Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee
*Andrew McMenamin, alternate for Representative Greg Vitali, House Environmental and Natural
Resource Protection Committee*
Glendon King, alternate for Representative Martin Causer, House Energy Committee
Carol Collier, Citizens Advisory Council
Trisha Salvia, Citizens Advisory Council
Thaddeus Stevens, Citizens Advisory Council
John St. Clair, Citizens Advisory Council

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STAFF PRESENT

Lauren Imgrund, Policy Director
Laura Griffin, Regulatory Coordinator
Laura Campbell, Regulatory Coordinator
Robert "Bo" Reiley, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The hybrid meeting of the Environmental Quality Board (EQB or Board) was called to order by Chairperson Shirley at 9:01 a.m.

The Board considered its first item of business: approval of the July 14, 2026, EQB meeting minutes.

Matt Osenbach made a motion to adopt the July 14, 2026, EQB meeting minutes. Emily Eyster seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board (18-0).

PROPOSED RULEMAKING: RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH AND RADON CERTIFICATION FEES (25 Pa. Code Chapters 218 and 240) (#7-591)

Ali Tarquino Morris (Deputy Secretary for Waste, Air, Radiation, and Remediation) provided an overview of the proposed rulemaking. Dwight Shearer (Director, Bureau of Radiation Protection) and Lindsay Williamson (Assistant Counsel, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel) assisted with the presentation.

There was no discussion following the Department's presentation.

Adam Walters made a motion to adopt the proposed rulemaking. Emily Eyster seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board (16-2). Glendon King and Matt Osenbach voted in opposition.

CONSIDERATION OF RULEMAKING PETITION: FIBERGLASS REINFORCED PLASTIC ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS (25 Pa. Code Chapter 245)

Ali Tarquino Morris (Deputy Secretary for Waste, Air, Radiation, and Remediation) provided an overview of the rulemaking petition. Kris Shiffer (Director, Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields) and Nic Pistory (Assistant Counsel, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel) assisted with the presentation.

Following the Department's presentation, Glendon King requested an overview of aboveground storage tank inspections and how onerous the process is. Kris Shiffer explained that Pennsylvania's aboveground storage tank program requires in-service inspections of tank systems greater than 5,000 gallons every 5 years. Tank systems greater than 21,000 gallons are also required to have out-of-service inspections every 20 years or more frequently based on the integrity of the tank system. Inspections are conducted by Pennsylvania-certified inspectors according to Nationally-recognized industry standards.

Glendon King asked if the Department has any information about the cost of the additional type of testing addressed in the petition. Kris Shiffer replied that the additional testing could range from \$1,500 to \$5,000 per aboveground storage tank and suggested asking the petitioner for this information. In addition, Kris Shiffer said the Department recommends getting multiple quotes when choosing a certified inspector.

On behalf of the petitioner, Thomas Hay, president of TechKnowServ Corporation, provided an overview of the rulemaking petition.

There was no discussion following the petitioner's presentation.

Adam Walters made a motion to accept the petition for further evaluation by the Department. Emily Eyster seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board (16-2). Glendon King and Matt Osenbach voted in opposition.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board accepted the Determination of Attainable Bottom petition from the Marcellus Shale Coalition, Pennsylvania Coal Alliance, and Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association on December 9, 2025. Chairperson Shirley stated that on August 5, 2026, petitioners submitted a letter withdrawing this petition. Therefore, the Department will not issue a report on this matter.

Laura Griffin provided the following regulatory update:

- The Board adopted the Administration of the Land Recycling Program—Chromium (VI) final rulemaking at the April 14, 2026, meeting. It is scheduled for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on August 15, 2026.
- The Board adopted the Administration of the Land Recycling Program final rulemaking at the July 14, 2026, meeting. It is scheduled for consideration by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission on August 20, 2026.

Glendon King asked for an update on petitions and the petition policy. Lauren Imgrund replied that the Department is drafting reports evaluating the petitions relating to gas development with an internal deadline of the end of 2026, and stream petitions are in progress. In addition, the petition policy is under review by the Department and a draft should be available soon.

NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Shirley announced that the September 8, 2026, meeting of the EQB is cancelled and the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 13, 2026.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Board, Matt Osenbach moved to adjourn the meeting. Glendon King seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board. The August 11, 2026, meeting of the Board was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.