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Good And Bad Environmental Bills Left On The Table As Legislative Session Ends

The Senate and House finished up voting on legislation for the year Wednesday leaving lots of unfinished business on environmental issues on the table. All bills not on the Governor's Desk will have to start over in January.

Three environment or energy-related bills did make it to the Governor before adjournment-- [Senate Bill 1298](#) (Smucker-R-Lancaster) providing for composting facilities on Act 319 farmlands; [House Bill 1813](#) (Tobash-R-Berks) authorizing a financial guarantee option covering mine reclamation; and [House Bill 1991](#) (Cutler-R-Lancaster) further providing for proof of eligibility for energy conservation programs.

Two big issues-- transportation funding and paying for damage caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in 2011 were not considered.