

PA Environment Digest

An Update on Environmental Issues In Pennsylvania

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Dr. Ruth Patrick, scientist, educator and trustee of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia was given the Winsor Award this week by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council to recognize her outstanding contributions to environmental science.

Dr. Patrick made significant contributions to the field of Limnology and freshwater assessment in her career and received national and international recognition, including the National Medal of Science from President Clinton and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography.

She served as an advisor on environmental policy to several presidents and in her spare time is an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

She is founder and name-sake of the Patrick Center for Environmental Research, which is part of the Academy of Natural Sciences.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Patrick, one of Pennsylvania's great natural resources.

For more information on Dr. Patrick and the Center, visit:

<http://www.acnatsci.org/research/pcer/>

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On the Hill

Hearings on Renewable Portfolio Standards, Growing Greener Coming Up

Both the Senate and House Environmental Resources and Energy Committees have hearings scheduled on the issue of requiring Pennsylvania electric utilities to have a percentage of the electricity they generate come from renewable or environmentally beneficial sources.

The Senate Committee is set to have two hearings, one on June 8 and another on June 23 to hear comments on [Senate Bill 1030](#), sponsored by Sen. Erickson. Witnesses for June 8 are scheduled to be: DEP Secretary Kathleen McGinty, James Seif, PPL Corporation, Mike Ewall, Energy Justice Network, David McAnally, US Wind Force, Stephen Brame, PA Rural Electric Association and Denise Foster, PJM Interconnection.

In the House, the Committee will consider comments on [House Bill 2174](#), sponsored by Rep. Ross. Witnesses are scheduled to be: PUC Chairman Terry Fitzpatrick, Energy Association President, Mike Love, and Denise Foster, Senior Legal Counsel for PJM. The Committee has held three prior meetings on this topic.

On June 15 the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee will have a hearing on Gov. Rendell's [Growing Greener II proposals](#) and will hear from DEP Secretary Kathleen McGinty and DCNR's Secretary Michael DiBerardinis.

Fees imposed on manufacturers and households to support a proposed \$800 million bond issue and other programs have been controversial with members of the General Assembly.

Rendell, Gale Norton Headline PA Environmental Council Dinner

At the Pennsylvania Environmental Council dinner in Philadelphia this week, Gov. Rendell reacted to comments in the press from some legislators that his Growing Greener II spending proposal is "dead" by saying, "If this is dead in Harrisburg, a lot of the life of this state goes with it; the future of this state dies with it."

He again defended his proposed fees on manufacturers and households as "reasonable." Putting fees on people who cause pollution is reasonable, noting past governors did the same thing. He also said the proposal exempts small businesses and limits the impact on big companies.

"We're running out of money for key programs... hazardous sites cleanup, open space and farmland preservation," Rendell said. "This is a vote for the future." He encouraged the audience to contact their legislators and voice their support for his plan.

Rendell also thanked the Bush Administration for their commitment to cleaning up abandoned mine lands in Pennsylvania. He noted he shared the podium with Interior Secretary Gale Norton just a few months ago when she announced the Administration's proposal to direct more Abandoned Mine Reclamation funding to states like Pennsylvania with large numbers of abandoned mines.

Interior Secretary Gale Norton praised Pennsylvania's efforts to promote "cooperative conservation" by involving watershed and local groups in the restoration of polluted streams.

"People must take conservation into their own hands, we need to empower groups to build strong local partnerships," Norton said. "We've given over \$4 million in grants to 60 projects in Pennsylvania to help support local restoration efforts."

Norton called again for Congressional action on reauthorizing the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund and the fees that support reclamation programs. Without action by September 30, the authority to collect fees on coal production sunsets and so does funding for reclamation efforts.

Norton praised the leadership of Pennsylvania's Congressional Delegation, in particular Sen. Arlen Specter and Congressman John Peterson for their sponsorship of the Bush Administration's reclamation proposals.

She also recognized the Pennsylvania Environmental Council for its many efforts on land conservation and watershed restoration. Just recently the Department of the Interior partnered with PEC on a restoration project in French Creek.

For more information on the Pennsylvania Environmental Council visit: www.pecpa.org.

Senate Committee to Consider Sewer/Water Funding Bill

On June 9 the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee is scheduled to consider [Senate Bill 1102](#), sponsored by Sen. Gordner, which implements the \$250 million water/sewer bond issue approved by voters during the primary election.

House Set to Consider Forest Land Beautification Bill

The House this week may take up Rep. Rubley's Forest Land Beautification legislation – [House Bill 2227](#) that would continue a \$1.5 million program to fund projects to clean up dumping in State Parks and Forests.

In Other News

PPL Center Wins Environmental Award from U.S. Green Building Council

The Plaza at PPL Center this week won two awards recognizing its "green" construction features – the LEED "gold" rating and a Special Recognition Award from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program of the U.S. Green Building Council has awarded the building a "gold" rating. The Plaza is the

first privately owned building in Pennsylvania to achieve this status, and only the eighth privately owned building in the nation to win.

Among the environmental features of the building are:

- Extensive use of natural daylight that reduces the dependency on electric lighting and provides a direct window view for more than 90 percent of the office space.
- Two plant-filled winter gardens that provide a buffer from direct southern exposure and improve indoor air quality.
- A very efficient heating, ventilating and air conditioning system that uses more than 30 percent less energy than conventional building standards. It includes an ice storage system that makes ice at night when electricity demand is low and uses the ice to help save cooling energy during peak daytime periods.
- Bicycle storage, showers and locker rooms for employees who bike to work.
- An advanced lighting control system that dims the lights when there is natural daylight available and turns off lights in unoccupied areas.
- A vegetative roof to reduce runoff, reduce energy consumption and extend the life of the roof.
- Water-conserving devices that save at least 500,000 gallons of water per year.
- A large street plaza to increase open space for downtown.
- Recycled materials used in construction, and recycling of construction debris.
- The urban site used existing infrastructure and allows access to public transportation.
- Electricity provided from renewable sources.
- Storm water runoff control features.
- Fresh air ventilation, an air filtration system and careful selection of building materials to provide high indoor air quality.

Liberty Property Trust is the developer and owner of the building, and PPL leases six of its eight floors. The Plaza, completed in spring 2003, houses PPL's unregulated subsidiaries including PPL Generation, PPL EnergyPlus and PPL Global. LEED is a voluntary green building rating system that defines, measures and certifies buildings that are environmentally responsible, economically efficient and healthy places to live and work. The LEED certification process includes a thorough review of the building's design features, construction plans and records.

The second Special Recognition Award was given to Liberty Property Trust for its leadership in commercial real estate construction, represented most recently by the Plaza at PPL Center project. The company also has a second planned green project that will get underway in Philadelphia this summer—the Pennsylvania Plaza, a 60 story green office building.

The Plaza at PPL Center received two other awards recently for its environmental features. It was named one of the 10 best examples of architectural and green design solutions that integrate architecture, technology and natural systems by the American Institute of Architects, and it won first prize in the large building workplace category of the Northeast Green Building Awards sponsored by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Renewable Energy Trust and the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association.

For more on the Plaza, visit: <http://www.pplweb.com/community/pplplaza.htm> .

For more information on green buildings visit: Well Built, Green Built http://www.greenworks.tv/green_building/index.htm

DEP Publishes Guidelines for Small Business Advantage Grant Program

The Department of Environmental Protection published the general guidelines for implementing the Small Business Advantage Program which provides up to 50% matching grants, up to a maximum of \$7,500, to enable a small business in this Commonwealth to adopt or acquire energy efficient or pollution prevention equipment or processes.

The Department will begin accepting applications for this program on July 1. Well-designed energy efficient or pollution prevention projects can help small businesses cut costs and reduce the risk of potential regulatory problems, while simultaneously protecting the environment.

A copy of the guidelines is available at: <http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol34/34-23/979.html>

Farmers - Apply Now for CREP Grants in Ohio Basin

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced a \$146 million Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) agreement with Pennsylvania to improve water conditions in the Ohio watershed. Sign-up for the Pennsylvania CREP will begin Apr. 19, 2004, and continues until enrollment goals are attained or through Dec. 31, 2007, whichever comes first.

For more information, visit the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) web site at: www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/creppa04.htm or contact your local FSA or county conservation district office. (from POWER's Watershed Weekly)

Deadline for PEC's Environmental Partnership Award Nominations July 16

The deadline for nominations for the Pennsylvania Environmental Council's Environmental Partnership Awards and Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award is July 16.

The awards will be presented at the Council's Fourteenth Annual Evening for Northeastern Pennsylvania's Environment, at The Woodlands Inn and Resort in Wilkes-Barre, in the fall of 2004. The awards and the event are sponsored by the Northeast Environmental Partners.

To download the nomination form, go to: http://www.pecpa.org/final_pec/NEPAAwardsForm.pdf, or contact PEC's Northeast Regional Office at 570-718-6507.

Nominating Pennsylvania Educators for NAAEE Awards by June 15

The Awards Committee of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) invites nominations for the nine prestigious annual awards that will be presented at the Association's annual conference being held this year in Biloxi, Mississippi from November 6-10.

All nominations should be submitted by Tuesday, June 15th, 2004 to: Caroline Alston at calston@plt.org .

This is your opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations in Pennsylvania (and beyond) that excel in EE and who deserve wider recognition for their accomplishments.

Visit http://naaee.org/members/NAAEEAwards_2004.pdf for complete details about the electronic nomination process for the following nine awards:

Outstanding Service to EE by an Individual at the Local Level, Outstanding Service to EE by an Individual at the Regional Level Outstanding Service to EE by an Individual at the Global Level

Outstanding Service to EE by an Organization at the Local Level Outstanding Service to EE by an Organization at the Regional Level Outstanding Service to EE by an Organization at the Global Level Outstanding Affiliate (state/provincial EE associations) Outstanding Contributions to Research in EE The Walter E Jeske Award (for outstanding service to the NAAEE).

The task of preparing and submitting by email a nomination of a deserving individual or organization doesn't take long. Apart from providing the name address of the nominee, you should briefly describe their accomplishments and why you believe that the accomplishments represent distinguished service to the cause of EE or to EE research.

If you have any questions, contact Tim Grant, Chair NAAEE Awards Committee at tim@greenteacher.com or (416) 960-1244.

The Urban Sub-Watershed Restoration Manual Series Is Now Here!

The Center for Watershed Protection has spent the better part of the last year developing the Urban Sub-Watershed Restoration Manual (USRM) series, a practitioner's guide to restoring urban watersheds.

Presented in a series of 11 manuals, the USRM presents practical and useful information on the actual techniques of watershed restoration that can be conveniently accessed and used by planners, engineers, stream biologists and municipal officials. Each manual is profusely illustrated and presents detailed field methods, practice specifications, costs, applicability and tips on implementation.

Together, the USRM manuals introduce an integrated framework for urban watershed restoration, outline effective techniques for assessing urban watersheds, and provide a comprehensive review of watershed restoration techniques.

Thanks to a grant from the EPA Office of Water Management, you can download these manuals in .PDF format for FREE from our website at:

http://www.cwp.org/USRM_verify.htm

through September. Color hard copies are also available for a nominal charge.

Visit the Center for Watershed Protection online at: <http://www.cwp.org> (story courtesy of York Watershed Alliance News, www.WatershedsYork.org)

Local Officials Urged to Attend the Watershed Academy

The PA State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) and Department of Environmental Protection are working together to sponsor Watershed Academies for local officials. These Academies are for 2 days and the topics are all related to

"watersheds" and how local governments can help restore and protect this valuable resource. Upcoming Watershed Academy dates are:

-- June 9 and 10 Cumberland County., PSATS Building, Enola

-- June 22 and 23 Centre County., State College

For more information, contact Melanie Wertz, Watershed Outreach Manager, Department of Environmental Protection, Rachel Carson State Office Building, P.O. Box 8555, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8555. Phone: (717) 772-5647. Fax: (717) 787-9549. E-Mail: mwertz@state.pa.us. (story courtesy of York Watershed Alliance News, www.WatershedsYork.org)

90 % Comply with Violation Notice on Emergency Action Plans For Dams

The Department of Environmental Protection sent notices of violation to 256 dam owners for 276 dams in March that did not have emergency action plans, giving them 30 days to outline a schedule of how and when they intend to complete their EAPs.

Ninty percent of the owners responded and started the process, the remainder face potential penalties and fines of \$10,000, plus \$500 for each day an EAP is not in place. DEP will issue orders against 23 dam owners for refusing repeated requests to comply with regulations designed to ensure the safety of downstream communities.

Under Pennsylvania's dam-safety regulations, EAPs are required for dams that would endanger people and property in downstream communities in the unlikely event of a failure. EAPs must be approved by DEP and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and updated every two years.

The plans define the responsibilities of dam owners, government agencies and emergency response personnel in response to various threats or concerns ranging from forecasts of heavy rain to the discovery of structural problems. EAPs identify areas such as schools, nursing homes and roads that could be impacted by a high-water event.

For more information on dam safety requirements and preparing emergency action plans, visit:

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgmt/WE/DamProgram/Main.htm> .

Gardening & Site Restoration with Native Plants

Mowed lawns, controlled edges, and exotic colors and shapes of plants have evolved to be the status quo of the American landscape. This landscape genre often defines good stewardship while less manicuring and use of perceived "weeds" -- native plants -- constitutes the opposite.

The Delaware Valley Green Building Council & AIA Philadelphia's Committee on the Environment invite you to join us for a discussion of Gardening & Site Restoration with Native Plants June 24, 2004, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Carpenter's Hall, 320 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Full story available at:

<http://www.pawatersheds.org/WWeekly/issue.asp?ID=199#gardening> (from POWR's Watershed Weekly)

DEP to Publish General Permit for Stormwater Discharges

DEP will publish a final NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities (PAG-03) in the June 5 *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. This permit will become effective upon publication for a term of 5 years. Full story available at: <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=8726&SubjectID>

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Regional EPA Grant Program for Human Health and the Environment

Donald S. Welsh, EPA Region II Administrator has announced that \$1 million in Regional Geographic Initiative (RGI) grants for watershed restoration, reducing environmental exposure to sensitive populations and enhancing environmentally responsible development.

Proposals are due July 16.

Applications packages available at:

http://www.epa.gov/region03/grants/pdf/RGI_Final_5_26.pdf.

Full story available at:

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=8729&SubjectID>

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WREN Awards Grants for Community Based Water Resources Education Projects

The Water Resources Education Network (WREN) Project, a program of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Education Fund, announces the award of nearly \$110,000 in funding to community partnerships across the state. Projects will carry out water resources education projects in the coming year. Funding comes from DEP for activities that will either address nonpoint source pollution issues on a watershed basis or help protect sources of drinking water.

Full story available at:

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=8728&SubjectID>

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Eric Conrad Retires From DEP, Pontorero Appointed to District Mining Job

Eric Conrad, DEP Deputy Secretary for Field Operations, announced he is retiring from the agency. A 25-year veteran of state service, Conrad has held a variety of positions at DEP in his career and was instrumental in organizing the state's response to the threat of West Nile Virus. Innovative use of information technology and geographic information systems in that program have become a model followed by other states and the federal government.

DEP named Joel Q. Pontorero district mining manager of the Greensburg District Office, effective June 14. He replaces Michael Terretti, who was named director of the Bureau of District Mining Operations in January. Pontorero currently serves as monitoring and compliance manager at the Cambria District Mining Office.

Taking Positive Action

AMD & ART Transforms Community

Southwestern Pennsylvania, indeed the entire Appalachian Region, is an area of remarkable beauty. Unfortunately, residents and visitors alike can often miss this natural beauty, blinded by the overshadowing regional legacy of pre-regulatory coal mining. Acid mine drainage (AMD) is the most widespread water quality problem, as well as a significant economic and social constraint. Today, AMD is a painful reminder of the poverty and economic abandonment that currently exists in coal country, the emblematic orange silent signature of dying communities.

Full story available at:

<http://www.pawatersheds.org/WWeekly/issue.asp?ID=199#wsspotlight> (from POWR's Watershed Weekly)

Delaware County High School Wins State Envirothon

The team from Penncrest High School in Delaware County took top honors at this year's State Envirothon competition. More than 320 students from all 64 Pennsylvania counties competed in the 21st annual Envirothon held May 26 on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ).

For more information on the Envirothon Program to become a sponsor, contact Lorelle Steach, program coordinator, at 814-623-7900 ext.111 or e-mail paenvirothon@pennswoods.net.

Full story available at:

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=8730&SubjectID>

From the Feds

Smog Rules Will Cut Power Plant Pollution in Eastern States This Summer

On May 31, the first phase of EPA's regional program to reduce ozone in the Eastern U.S. became effective -- cutting nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions by 600,000 tons through September of this year.

Under this program, known as the NOx SIP Call, 19 eastern states and the District of Columbia are required to take actions to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides or NOx during the summer months.

States will achieve the majority of these reductions from power plants and other large industrial facilities through the NOx Budget Trading Program, a regional, market-based cap and trade program administered by EPA.

Nitrogen oxides are a primary ingredient in the formation of ground-level ozone pollution. Facilities that emit NOx in upwind states can contribute to ozone formation in downwind states. In future years, emissions requirements will apply May 1 through September, achieving NOx reductions of nearly 900,000 tons per year.

On April 2, EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt signed the second phase of this rule, setting May 1, 2007 as the compliance date for controlling emissions by an additional

100,000 tons per year of NO_x and including portions of two additional states. The reductions required by the NO_x SIP Call will improve air for more than 100 million people living in states where ozone transport affects air quality.

When inhaled – even at very low levels – ground-level ozone can cause acute respiratory problems, aggravate asthma, reduce lung capacity, inflame lung tissue, and impair the body's immune system.

The SIP Call NO_x Budget Trading Program was modeled after the Ozone Transport Commission's NO_x Budget Program and EPA's Acid Rain Program to deliver important emissions reductions efficiently and effectively.

For more information on the NO_x Budget Program, visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/airmarkt/fednox/index.html>.

Information and background the NO_x SIP Call is available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/airlinks/airlinks2.html>.

EPA Proposes In-Use Testing of Heavy-Duty Diesel Emissions

EPA is proposing a manufacturer-run, in-use emissions testing program for heavy-duty diesel trucks. Under this program, engine manufacturers will measure emissions from their diesel engines in highway applications using portable onboard emission measurement systems.

A pilot program is proposed to begin in 2005 with the fully enforceable program beginning in 2007 when the new requirements take effect. The proposal stems from a settlement agreement between EPA and the Engine Manufacturers Association that was announced in June of 2003.

This cooperative effort between EMA and EPA represents a significant advance in helping to ensure that the benefits of more stringent emission standards are realized under real-world driving conditions.

A pre-publication copy of the proposal is available online at:

<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/hd-hwy.htm>.

For more information on EPA's clean diesel program, visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel>.

Regulations

Environmental Quality Board Meeting – June 15

Agenda Items: <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/subject/eqb/eqb2004.htm>

- [Final – Bushy Run and Other Stream Designations](#)
- [Petition to Redesignate a Portion of Wissahickon Creek](#) (Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties)
- [Final Rulemaking - Coal Mining Amendments \(Incidental Coal Extraction\)](#)

Summary of packages available at:

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=8725&SubjectID>

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<http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol34/34-23/index.html>

Comment Deadlines Open

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=8742&SubjectID>

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For copies of Proposed Regulations

http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/subject/Proposed_regulations/Proposed_regulations.htm

Status of Regulations and Six-Month Regulatory Calendar

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/subject/registrpt/index.htm>

Technical Guidance Open for Comment

- No New Guidance Available This Week

For copies of Draft Technical Guidance:

http://www.dep.state.pa.us/TechnicalGuidance/Draft_technical_guidance.asp

For copies of Final Technical Guidance

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/eps/default.asp?P=fldr200149e0051190>

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **June 7** - Joint Legislative Air & Water Pollution Control and Conservation Commission Information Session on links between environmental pollutants and human health. Hearing Room 1, North Office Building. 12:00. Info: <http://jcc.legis.state.pa.us/>
- **June 8** – House Environmental Resources & Energy Committee public hearing on renewable portfolio standards. Hearing Room 1, Ground Floor, North Office Building. 9:30. Info: <http://www.williamadolph.com/>
- **June 8** – Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee public hearing on renewable portfolio standards. Room 8e-A, East Wing. 9:00. Info: <http://www.senatormjwhite.com/>
- **June 9** – Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee consideration of Senate Bill 1102 (water/sewer funding). Rules Committee Room. 10:00 Info: <http://www.senatormjwhite.com/>
- **June 15** – Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee public hearing on Gov. Rendell's Growing Greener II initiative. Senate Majority Caucus Room. 11:00. Info: <http://www.senatormjwhite.com/>

- **June 15** – Environmental Quality Board Meeting. For agenda items, visit:
<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=8725&SubjectID=>
- **June 23** – Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee public hearing on renewable portfolio standards. (LTBA)

DEP Calendar of Events

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/newsreleases/default.asp>

Watershed Events

<http://www.pawatersheds.org/WWeekly/issue.asp?ID=199#currentnews>

Helpful Web Links

Daily NewsClips

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/newsclippings/>

Weekly DEP Update

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/newsletter/>

GreenTreks Network

<http://www.greentreks.org>

Watershed Weekly

<http://www.pawatersheds.org/WWeekly/index.asp>

DEP Press Releases

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/newsreleases/default.asp>

DEP Advisory Committee Meetings & Agendas

http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/subject/advcoun/advisory_comm.html

DEP Regulations

<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/025/025toc.html>

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