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Are they done for the summer or not?

The House of Representatives wrapped up their work late last night and has adjourned for the summer, but that's true only if the Senate will adopt the changes that the House made to legislation last night that is needed to implement the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 state spending plan that was sent to the Governor on Monday. Because there were amendments placed into the Fiscal Code and a few other bills by the House last night, the Senate is returning to session on Tuesday, July 8th to do some cleanup work. Upon the Senate's agreement on the Fiscal Code, Governor Corbett will have all of the legislative components that he needs to enact the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget. The budget proposal addresses some of the Governor's legislative priorities, such as the creation of a college scholarship program for middle income families, creations of the Ready to Learn Block Grant education program, and additional funding for special education, among others.

But, the Governor held another press conference late yesterday afternoon and he said that he still has not decided whether to sign the State budget bill which was passed on June 30th, but presented to him on July 1st. He has 10 days to make a decision,

which gives him until July 11th to sign the bill. If he refuses to sign it, it becomes law without his signature. Further, he is permitted to "blue line" various appropriations (line items) in the budget, so that he can strike appropriations of interest to Senators or House members and still sign the rest of the bill, which would also likely force the legislature to come back into session to decide what to do about those stricken line items.

It is of note that the Governor is still very upset because the General Assembly did not pass any legislation involving liquor privatization/liquor modernization and that they have been unable, after months of internal debate, to generate enough support on a legislative proposal to reform Pennsylvania's public pension systems. As you likely know from our updates, the Governor had indicated that he would consider new revenue (taxes) if the General Assembly passed meaningful pension reform and liquor modernization or privatization. They did neither. Thus, there were no taxes in the State budget. However, the House and Senate did pass a bill that allows only the City of Philadelphia to enact a city cigarette excise tax of up to two dollars per pack, which can be used solely for Philadelphia school education purposes. That bill was amended last night in the House, so it requires the Senate to consider the changes placed into the bill by the House. And, in an effort to

provide the Governor a minimal pension “win”, and for public political purposes, the Senate did pass a bill that they sent to the House which would revise the way in which the General Assembly members, and other elected officials, are handled through the pension process when they are next elected.

Unlike in prior years when the General Assembly and the Administration would work for weeks in developing multiple pieces of legislation to enact new policies and programs as part of the overall budget agreement, it was not until the last 7-10 days that serious negotiations began and not really until last weekend that an agreement was reached among the Republican Leaders in the House and Senate and the Governor’s Office that the only way to pass an on-time budget was to not generate new revenues (increase taxes and create new taxes). For that reason (i.e. fear of tax amendments), the budget does not include the various “code” bills pertaining to welfare spending policies, education policies, or various tax reform policies and is focused primarily on the legislation needed to implement the state spending plan. As such, many opponents to the budget argue that the Legislature again missed opportunities. One such comment came from Governor Corbett’s Democrat challenger Tom Wolf (who has a 25% lead in the most recent public opinion poll) that the budget is built on “smoke and mirrors” by relying upon one-time transfers of revenue and inflated revenue growth projections for next year to fill the revenue hole in the budget. According to most estimates, if the General Assembly did not generate new recurring sources of revenue as part of this budget; the Commonwealth might likely be facing a deficit in excess of \$2+ billion that would need to be addressed next year. As a result, candidate Wolf had been publicly advocating for the Legislature to enact a tax on natural gas drilling and to expand eligibility for Pennsylvania’s Medicaid program in an effort to draw down additional federal dollars, based on the assumption that if he is successful in November that he will have less of a deficit hole to fill next year. But, regardless of who resides in the Governor’s Residence next year, he will be facing a budget that may not have enough revenue to make it through the entire fiscal year, and that needs to address a significant structural deficit in the state budget and that must be considered in January 2015; not June 2015.

So, it seems as though the summer break has not officially started as the Senate will likely need to return next week. And, depending on what the Senate does, that, in turn, may require the House to return to session as well. And, on one final note, the Governor could veto the Budget or blue line various line items and has threatened to call them back into a Special Session this summer to consider pension reform, even though the House announced late last night that they would work on the issue this fall. As a result, they do not appear to be done for the summer.....so we will continue to provide updates to you of what they do as we here at GGR will have to wait before our legislative summer break starts!!!

We enjoy representing you.

Thanks,

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FY 2014-15 Budget Approved

On June 30, 2014, the General Assembly approved a state budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 that invests in education, public safety and provides support for essential social and health services and programs without a tax increase.

The \$29.09 billion budget plan in [House Bill 2328](#) provides a \$502.3 million increase (1.7 percent) over the 2013-14 fiscal year budget, increases overall K-12 education spending over the previous budget and funds the core functions of government without raising taxes. The final budget is \$320.1 million less than the Governor’s initial request in February.

Of the \$502.3 million increase, \$316 million would be directed toward education. This includes increases for special education (\$20 million increase), Ready to Learn Block Grants (\$100 million increase), Pre-K Counts (\$10 million increase) and Early Intervention (\$10 million increase). The Fiscal Year 2014-15 general fund budget represents the fourth budget in a row to set a

new record for total state tax dollars spent on education.

House Bill 2328 allocates \$11.4 million to train four new state police cadet classes to replenish the ranks of the Pennsylvania State Police and address a substantial number of vacancies created by a surge in retirements.

The spending plan will protect Pennsylvania's most vulnerable citizens by increasing funding for county child welfare programs, services for persons with disabilities, domestic violence programs and rape crisis centers.

Agriculture, which is Pennsylvania's top industry, will see a 2.5 percent increase in funding. Funding for agriculture research, promotion, exports, the Livestock Show, the Open Dairy Show, Food Marketing and Research, and PA Preferred are all restored after being cut in the Governor's initial budget request.

Source: Senate Republican Communications, 7/1/2014

Revenue Department releases Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Collections

Pennsylvania collected \$2.8 billion in General Fund revenue in June, which was \$23.7 million, or 0.8 percent, more than anticipated, Secretary of Revenue Daniel Meuser reported on July 2, 2014. Fiscal year 2013-14 General Fund collections totaled \$28.6 billion, which is \$508.8 million, or 1.7 percent, below estimate.

Sales tax receipts totaled \$886.6 million for June, \$43.5 million above estimate. Sales tax collections for the fiscal year totaled \$9.1 billion, which is \$99.1 million, or 1.1 percent, less than anticipated.

Personal income tax (PIT) revenue in June was \$1.1 billion, \$3 million above estimate. This brought fiscal-year PIT collections to \$11.4 billion, which is \$290.2 million, or 2.5 percent, below estimate.

June corporation tax revenue of \$542.8 million was \$32.9 million above estimate. Fiscal-year corporation tax collections totaled \$4.9 billion, which is \$83 million, or 1.7 percent, below estimate.

Inheritance tax revenue for the month was \$92.2 million, \$1.1 million above estimate. This brought the fiscal-year total to \$877.4 million, which is \$5.1 million, or 0.6 percent below estimate.

Realty transfer tax revenue was \$40.3 million for June, \$2.1 million below estimate, bringing the fiscal-year total to \$375.4 million, which is \$23.6 million, or 5.9 percent less than anticipated.

Other General Fund tax revenue, including cigarette, malt beverage, liquor and table games taxes, totaled \$132.9 million for the month, \$1.5 million below estimate and bringing the fiscal-year total to \$1.4 billion, which is \$27.7 million, or 2 percent, below estimate.

Non-tax revenue totaled \$32.2 million in June, \$53.1 million below estimate, bringing the fiscal-year total to \$509 million, which is \$19.8 million, or 4.1 percent, above estimate.

In addition to the General Fund collections, the Motor License Fund received \$174.2 million for the month, \$42.1 million below estimate. This revenue shortfall includes a transfer of \$25 million into Motor License Fund restricted accounts not reflected in this report to ensure funding for highway and bridge projects consistent with Act 89 of 2013. Fiscal-year collections for the fund - which include the commonly known gas and diesel taxes, as well as other licenses, fine and fee revenues - total \$2.4 billion, which is \$22 million, or 0.9 percent, below estimate.

NOTE: The 2013-14 fiscal year General Fund revenue collections reported above are preliminary, pending a final revenue deposit and year-end adjustments.

Source: Governor's Press Office, 7/2/2014

Setting the Record Straight on Waters of the US

There has been some confusion about EPA's proposed "Waters of the U.S." rule under the Clean Water Act. Nancy Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, put together a blog to share the facts with you. Please read this [blog](#) and the full [Q & A](#), which address misconceptions about the Waters of the U.S. proposed rule.

Source: EPA Water Headlines, 7/1/2014

EPA and Partners to Talk About Wastewater Technologies

EPA's Decentralized Wastewater Program will be participating in the annual joint conference with the National Environmental Health Association and the State Onsite Regulators Alliance in Las Vegas on July 7-10. EPA will be presenting and exhibiting on the initiatives underway with their partners as well as on SepticSmart, EPA's homeowner education program. Advanced treatment system technology and water reuse are two of the hot topics this year. Use of these technological advancements are more important than ever in conserving water and protecting water quality in areas where sewers are unavailable and/or unaffordable. [Learn more here.](#)

Source: EPA Water Headlines, 7/1/2014

Fall Session Schedule

2014 SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE

September 15, 16, 22, 23, 24

October 6, 7, 8, 14, 15

November 12

2014 HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE

September 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24

October 6, 7, 8, 14, 15

November 12

Senator Erickson's Storm Water Legislation Goes to Governor

On July 1, 2014, the Senate unanimously concurred in House amendments to Senate Bill 1255.

[Senate Bill 1255](#) (Erickson-R) amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) further providing for the purposes and powers of a storm water authority. Specifically, an authority that performs storm water planning, management and implementation, reasonable and uniform rates may be based in whole or in part on property characteristics, which may include installation and maintenance of best management practices approved and inspected by the authority.

The bill now goes to the Governor for his consideration.

Source: Gmerek Government Relations, 7/1/2014

DEP Announces Energy Development Authority Funding Workshops in Western PA

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) invites non-profit corporations, schools, colleges and universities, and local governments, public corporations, for-profit businesses and authorities to attend one of three Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority (PEDA) funding workshops in western Pennsylvania.

On June 12, Gov. Tom Corbett announced an estimated \$12.5 million is now available through PEDA to provide funding for the deployment of advanced energy projects and for businesses interested in locating or expanding their alternative energy manufacturing or production operations in the commonwealth.

PEDA anticipates awarding approximately \$10 million for renewable energy projects such as wind, hydropower, solar, and biomass, along with demand management measures including energy recovery, energy efficiency, and load management.

This is the first financial assistance offering since 2010 by PEDA, an independent public financing authority created in 1982. The authority's mission is to finance advanced energy projects in Pennsylvania.

The free informational workshops, all with the same content, are being held to assist potential applicants learn more about PEDA funding eligibility and requirements. Presentations will include a demonstration of the online eGrants application process. The deadline to apply for grant money is Aug. 15.

The workshops will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., at the following locations:

- Thursday July 17, at the North Central Regional Planning and Development Commission Office, 651 Montmorenci Rd., Ridgway, PA 15853;
- Wednesday, July 23, at the Cranberry Township Municipal Center, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066; and
- Thursday, July 24, at the Tom Ridge Environmental Education Center, 301 Peninsula Drive, Erie, PA 16505.

Registration will close at 5 p.m. the day before each workshop. To register, please provide attendee's name, organization, email, and workshop date to DEP Northwest Region Community Relations Coordinator Gary Clark at ghclark@pa.gov, or by calling 814-332-6615.

To learn more about the PEDA program, visit www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword: "Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority."

Source: DEP Press Release, 6/30/2014

Bills Sent to the Governor

- [Senate Bill 75](#) will help law enforcement arrest and prosecute human traffickers.

- [House Bill 118](#) extends protections of the [Pennsylvania Whistleblower Law](#) to employees of nonprofits/private sector companies who report waste of public monies obtained by their employer for services or work.
- [House Bill 185](#) amends the Whistleblower Law to provide protection for employees of the General Assembly who report waste or a violation of local, state or federal law.
- [Senate Bill 137](#) advances consumer protection and patient results by ensuring that all audiologists, and those performing the functions of the profession, are properly licensed by the state.
- [Senate Bill 193](#) would require all school nurses be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- [House Bill 272](#) would allow dentists from other states or United States territories to obtain a "restricted faculty license" which will authorize them to teach in dental schools in Pennsylvania.
- [Senate Bill 622](#) corrects a flaw in the Debt Management Services Act which resulted in a lawsuit against the Department of Banking regarding its ability to license and regulate the debt settlement industry in Pennsylvania.
- [House Bill 927](#) reenacts and amends the Community Services Block Grant Act extending the expiration date of the act to December 31, 2017.
- [Senate Bill 1001](#) eliminates the requirement that Notary Public applications be endorsed by the Senator of the district in which they reside or work.
- [Senate Bill 1096](#) clarifies language in existing law related to the limited reimbursement of appraisal, attorney and engineering fees for public infrastructure improvement projects.
- [Senate Bill 1185](#) provides more flexibility for the use of funds by the Allegheny County Medical Examiner.

- [Senate Bill 1194](#) will give public and non-public school districts in communities where police services are furnished solely by the Pennsylvania State Police the option to contract with municipal police from nearby jurisdictions to provide security as well as school resource officers in their schools.
- [Senate Bill 1255](#) amends the Municipality Authorities Act to provide that the reasonable and uniform rates of a storm water authority may be based on property characteristics which may include best management practices.
- [Senate Bill 1312](#) gives school districts and school bus contractors the option to choose the most appropriate school buses based on their needs. It also includes sections that sets mandatory minimum sentence of three years imprisonment for fatal hit and run accidents and prohibit texting or cell phone use while driving a commercial vehicle or motor carrier vehicle. (Enacted as Act 85 of 2014 on June 30.)
- [Senate Bill 1384](#) enacts the Highway Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of 2014-2015.
- [House Bill 1420](#) requires the Department of Health to ensure that all birthing facilities and births occurring outside a birthing facility that are attended by midwives utilize pulse oximetry to screen newborns for congenital heart defects.
- [Senate Bill 1422](#) clarifies the liability status of companies that obtained a business and thereby face asbestos-related claims from the actions of the previous owner.
- [House Bill 1772](#) amends the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Act so that the provisions of the act apply to elected and appointed Sheriffs as well as Deputy Sheriffs.
- [House Bill 2169](#) re-authorizes the Special Elk Conservation License and auction. It also authorizes a second special license to be awarded via fundraiser in conjunction with the PA-based non-profit elk organization that manages and operates the Elk Country Visitor's Center in Benezette Township, Elk County.

- [House Bill 2242](#) amends the Medical Practice Act to provide licensure without examination for prosthetists, orthotists, pedorthists and orthotic fitters.
- [House Bill 2244](#) is the Highway-Railroad and Highway Bridge Capital Budget Supplemental Act for 2014-2015.
- [House Bill 2275](#) extends the wireless 911 surcharge sunset date to June 30, 2015. (Enacted as Act 84 of 2014 on June 30.)
- [Senate Bill 1187](#) establishes a new specialty license plate for recipients of the Combat Action Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Combat Action Medal or Combat Medical Badge, and expands eligibility for the existing United States Merchant Marine plate to include those who served following World War II. It also creates the following new license plates: Combat Infantry Badge (CIB) plate, Pennsylvania Hunting Heritage plate, Appalachian Trail plate, Pennsylvania Monuments plate and United States Olympic plate.

Source: Senate Republican Communications, 7/3/2014

EPA's Tips for a Happy and Healthy Summer

Planning fun summer activities, such as beach trips, hiking, and gardening? Follow Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) helpful tips -- good for your health, your wallet, and your environment.

Air Quality

People with heart and lung disease, older adults and children are at greater risk from the presence of pollutants in the air and should closely monitor the air quality in their area. AirNow's Air Quality Index (AQI) translates data into color categories so people can better understand what actions to take to protect their health. For more information and a real-time map: <http://www.airnow.gov/>. You can download

the AQI via mobile application for your smartphone: <http://m.epa.gov/apps/airnow.html>

Beach Safety

When you spend time at the beach this summer, stay safe with these best practices. Swim safely, protect yourself from the sun with broad-spectrum sunscreen, stay hydrated by drinking water, watch for trash and other signs of pollution, and report dangers you see to lifeguards or other beach workers. For more information: <http://water.epa.gov/type/oceb/beaches/dosdents.cfm>

Bed Bugs

Traveling is fun; bed bugs are not. Take steps when away from home to avoid bringing home unwelcome visitors. Inspect the mattress and headboard where you will be staying for the presence of bed bugs. Leave your luggage on a luggage rack, not on the bed or floor, and try to keep luggage away from the bed. You can find additional tips on avoiding bed bugs here: <http://www2.epa.gov/bedbugs/tips-travel>

Community Environment

Your community encompasses the people in your neighborhood and the space you share. Your community's air, water, and land are subject to environmental concerns. To learn about environmental conditions in your community and ways to prevent pollution visit: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/community.htm>

ENERGY STAR

The average family spends 20 percent of its home utility bill on cooling. Cooling bills can be lowered by giving your air conditioner a break while you are asleep or when no one is home. Properly using a programmable thermostat can save you \$180 a year on your energy bill. If you're in the market for a new air conditioner, dehumidifier, or ceiling fan look for one that has earned the ENERGY STAR label at <http://www.energystar.gov/cooling>

Fuel Economy

To save money and gas, follow these tips: roll the windows down when driving at lower speeds; use the AC at highway speeds, park in the shade or use a sunshade, and read about the AC system in your car's owner's manual. Additionally, complete needed maintenance and ensure tires are properly inflated. Learn more here: <http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/hotweather.shtml> and <http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/maintain.jsp>

Insects

While some insect bites are benign, biting insects can carry dangerous diseases. Using the right insect repellent and taking preventive actions can repel ticks, mosquitoes, and other biting insects. Guidelines for areas to avoid bites and clothing to wear, can be found [here](#). Additional resources are available at <http://epa.gov/pesticides/insect/safe.htm>

Lawn Care

With your grass shooting up, it is time to mow. For a healthy lawn, cutting height is recommended between 2.5 and 3.5 inches. Mow often enough to cut less than a third of total grass height. Leave clippings in the grass to recycle the nitrogen and prevent filling landfills. To learn more about lawn care, visit: <http://www2.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/lawn-and-garden>

Pest Control

Pest control in the garden often refers to the use of chemical pesticides. To ensure public safety, EPA offers a "[Citizen's Guide to Pest Control and Pesticide Safety](#)" as well as tailored guides on protecting your [garden](#), [children](#), and [household](#). These guides offer advice on pesticide selection for health and pollinator protection and best-alternative environmentally friendly practices. Additional resources are available at <http://www2.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/lawn-and-garden#safely> and <http://www2.epa.gov/pollinator-protection>

SunWise

Check the Ultraviolet (UV) Index anytime by downloading EPA's app (epa.gov/enviro/mobile) to plan outdoor activities while preventing overexposure to the sun. Apply a palm-full of sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher that provides broad-spectrum protection 15 minutes before heading outdoors. Reapply every two hours. Wear protective clothing, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses. Seek shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Go [here](#) to learn more.

Watering

When it is time to water your lawn or plants, avoid watering in the middle of the day when the hot sun will evaporate the water. Instead, water during the early morning and evening, for a total of one inch of water per week, including rainfall. A WaterSense labeled automatic sprinkler can take the guesswork out of watering and save money. Find more watering guidelines [here](#).

Source: EPA Press Release, 7/3/2014

Fiscal Code Bill Fundamentally Changes How Conventional Drilling Is Regulated

Work on the Fiscal Code bill -- [House Bill 278](#) (Baker-R-Tioga)-- that follows to implement provisions in the General Fund budget still is not done and it contains a provision that fundamentally changes the way conventional oil and gas operations are regulated in Pennsylvania.

The Senate Tuesday passed the Fiscal Code bill, but House Republicans amended the bill and returned it to the Senate forcing them to return to Harrisburg on July 8.

This year the bill includes creation of whole new programs, some which have never passed either the Senate or House, provides for transfers from special funds and makes other changes.

A detailed summary and [House Fiscal Note](#) are available.

Of particular concern are provisions requiring DEP to use funds to promulgate separate conventional and unconventional oil and gas regulations from [Senate Bill 1378](#) (Scarnati-R-Jefferson) and [House Bill 2350](#) (Causar-R-Cameron) which were never passed on their own in either the Senate or House.

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council made several efforts to communicate with the sponsors of the conventional drilling bills expressing its concerns about the language fundamentally changing well regulation, but received no response. PEC followed up with communications to both the Senate and House opposing the language.

Consideration of the Fiscal Code bill went like this.

Very late on Monday the Senate Appropriations Committee made 66 pages of additions to House Bill 278 (Baker-R-Tioga) that gave Senate members little time to absorb the volume of changes included in the bill.

The announcement of the final Senate vote on the bill was interrupted on the Senate Floor because it resulted in a 25-25 tie. Only after Sen. Scott Wagner (R-York) changed his vote from no to yes was the 26-24 final vote announced.

In the House, House Bill 278 (Baker-R-Tioga) was amended to provisions related to the Bank Shares Tax (which helped balance the budget), City Revitalization and Improvement Zone, extra funding for the Allentown school district and authorizing the enactment of a cigarette tax in Philadelphia.

During the House Floor debate, Rep. Greg Vitali (D-Delaware), Minority Chair of the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, challenged two provisions in the bill related to transferring \$95 million from the Oil and Gas Fund to the General Fund to balance the budget and a section calling for new, separate operational and environmental standards for regulating conventional oil and gas wells.

Rep. Vitali's motions to suspend the rules to offer an amendment to impose a moratorium on oil and gas drilling on DCNR land failed 70 to 130 a second amendment to remove sections related to conventional wells failed 79 to 121.

Rep. Vitali also challenged the constitutionality of the consideration of the bill since many of the provisions, including the conventional well sections, were never passed on their own by either the Senate or House.

The motion of constitutionality failed 117 to 83 and the House voted to send the amended House Bill 278 back to the Senate 121 to 78.

The Senate must now decide whether to insist on its amendments or concur with the House changes when it returns to session July 8.

Summary of Bill

Here's a quick summary of some of the major provisions:

Major Programs Included

— Requires DEP to use funds to promulgate separate conventional and unconventional oil and gas regulations -- [Senate Bill 1378](#) (Scarnati-R-Jefferson), [House Bill 2350](#) (Causer-R-Cameron) were never considered by the full Senate, House)

— Creating new Rural Regional College -- [Senate Bill 1000](#) (Scarnati-R-Jefferson) which passed the Senate, [House Bill 1701](#) (Causer-R-Cameron) which did not pass the House.

— Reduction in Small Games of Chance license fee from \$2,000 to \$500.

— Education funding distribution to local school districts.

— \$10 increase in judicial surcharge.

Transfer of Funds

— Transfer \$20 million from State Forest Timber leases.

— Transfers \$95 million from DCNR Oil and Gas Fund for additional "non-impact" gas leasing.

— Transfers \$8,672,845 from the Alternative Energy Investment Act.

— Suspend transfer to Rainy Day Fund.

— Horsemen transfers from Governor's budget \$17.6 million.

— Transfers \$225,000,000 of tobacco venture assets to PSERS.

— Transfers \$8,000,000 in excess law enforcement grants from Gaming Board to General Fund.

— Transfers \$5,676,000 from Gaming Capital money to General Fund for Pittsburgh Penguins.

Other Changes

— Establish H20 account to hold gaming money and Act 13

— Distributed tobacco payment to program.

— Civil Service reforms authorize operational contracts.

— Appropriates funds from DGS to caucus operations.

— Includes caucus earmarks of funds.

The bill now goes to the Senate for a concurrence vote on July 8.

Source: PA Environmental Digest, 7/7/2014

EQB to Consider Medical Waste, Land Reclamation Guarantees, Chloride Toxicity July 15

On July 15 the Environmental Quality Board is scheduled to consider proposed land reclamation guarantee and final medical

waste regulations and hear a science update on chloride and sulfate toxicity testing in surface waters.

DEP's response to the Ashley Funk and Kids climate change regulatory petition is anticipated to be on the August 19 EQB agenda.

The meeting will be held in Room 105 Rachel Carson Building starting at 9:00.

For more information and copies of handouts and presentations, visit the [Environmental Quality Board webpage](#).

Source: PA Environmental Digest, 7/7/2014

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