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Blog: EPA Moves Forward For America's Drinking Water

Recent water quality issues in Flint, Michigan have rightly focused national attention on America's drinking water. EPA is committed to working together with our governmental partners, communities and stakeholders to strengthen the nation's drinking water systems. Beginning next month, EPA will lead a series of engagements to inform a national action plan on drinking water, to be released by the end of the year. In addition, the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) has begun a new study of the science and technology relevant to ensuring the safety of the nation's drinking water.

Learn [More](#).

*By Joel Beauvais, Deputy Assistant Administrator
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Source: Water Headlines from EPA, 4/27/2016

Water Resources Advisory Committee Meeting Cancellation

The May 11, 2016, meeting of the Water Resources Advisory Committee (Committee) has been canceled. The next Committee meeting will be rescheduled in June 2016. Details on future meetings will be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Questions concerning the Committee can be directed to Lee McDonnell, (717) 787-5017 or lmcdonnell@pa.gov. The agenda and meeting materials for the next meeting will be available through the Public Participation tab on the Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) web site at www.dep.pa.gov.

Source: PA Bulletin, [4/30/2016](#)

DEP Makes Changes to Meadville, Harrisburg Regional Office Directors

The Department of Environmental Protection Friday announced new Regional Directors for its Meadville and Harrisburg Regional Offices. In Meadville, Staci Gustafson was named as Acting Regional Director, replacing John Guth. Gustafson was serving as Assistant Regional Director.

Guth will now be Environmental Program Manager for the Regional Waste Program. Guth was named Northwest Regional Director in 2014. In Harrisburg, Robert Conrad was named Acting Regional Director, replacing Lynn Langer. Conrad was serving as Assistant Regional Director. Langer will become Environmental Program Manager for Clean Water. Langer was named Southcentral Regional Director in 2012.

The changes are effective May 2.

Source: PA Environmental Digest, 5/2/2016

Senate President Pro Tempore Scarnati, Majority Leader Corman Welcome Killion to Senate

On April 27, 2016, Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati (R-25) and Senate Majority Leader Jake Corman (R-34) congratulated Senator-elect Tom Killion on his election to the state Senate in Tuesday's special election in the 9th Senatorial District.

With the election, voters in Chester and Delaware counties expanded the Republican majority to 31 members in the 50-seat chamber.

"Tom has a proven record of fiscally conservative leadership and experience in business that will be a great asset in the Senate," said Scarnati. "As we look ahead to crafting a responsible 2016-17 state budget, Tom's experience and passion for protecting taxpayers will be a valuable addition. I look forward to working with him on issues important to the 9th Senatorial District."

Senator-elect Killion served as a state Representative for the 168th Legislative District and prior to that was Chairman of the Delaware County Council. He also founded two local small businesses.

"Pennsylvania faces some pressing challenges and the Commonwealth will be better prepared to meet them with Tom Killion in the Senate," said Corman.

"He brings vast experience in state and local government, as well insights from the private sector. Residents of the 9th Senatorial District and citizens statewide will be served well by Tom in the Senate."

Senator-elect Killion is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including Legislator of the Year from the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce and the Distinguished Leadership Award from Delaware Valley Healthcare Council.

A graduate of Penn State University, Senator-elect Killion and his wife Eileen live in Middletown and have two adult daughters.

Senator-elect Killion will be sworn in to office in May. The date will be announced following the final certification of vote totals.

Source: Senate Republican Communications, 4/27/2016

DEP Cites Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for Unapproved Water Treatment Change

DEP issued an Administrative Order on April 25 citing the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) for making a substantial modification to its drinking water treatment system without prior approval by DEP. The change, which occurred in April 2014, involved the use of caustic soda in place of soda ash to control corrosion in

PWSA's water distribution system. PWSA went back to the use of soda ash in January 2016.

“Preliminary data shows no imminent threat to the public as a result of this unauthorized change. We are asking PWSA to analyze all data from April 2014 to January 2016, the period the authority used caustic soda, and the rest of 2016,” said DEP Secretary John Quigley. “We have put PWSA on notice that its unilateral decision to change treatment was a clear violation of safe drinking water regulations. PWSA had no authority to modify its treatment without first demonstrating to DEP that the proposed change would not adversely impact the corrosion control treatment, and obtaining DEP approval via a permit amendment.”

Read [more](#).

Source: DEP News, 4/28/2016

Independent Regulatory Review Commission Approves Oil and Gas Regulations

The Independent Regulatory Review Council (IRRC) approved revisions to Pennsylvania's oil and gas drilling regulations on April 21, continuing on the process that modernizes and strengthens the “Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites” (Chapters 78 and 78A) rulemaking. The regulations amend the environmental controls employed by both the conventional and unconventional industries to assure the protection of public health, safety, and the environment.

“I am pleased that IRRC moved these important regulatory updates closer to the finish line. The Chapter 78 and 78A regulations have been written with an unprecedented amount of public participation, including from the conventional and unconventional drilling industries,” said DEP Secretary John Quigley. “This final regulatory package will improve protection of water resources, add public resources considerations, protect public health and safety, address landowner concerns,

enhance transparency, and improve data management.”

Read [more](#).

Source: DEP News, 4/28/2016

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