



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **DEP Announces Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Conference on May 8**

**Harrisburg** – The Department of Environmental Protection invites municipal authorities, local governments and businesses to a May 8 Energy Conference about Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants (W-WTPs).

The conference will be from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Penn State Harrisburg Campus, Science and Technology Building, Room 128, Middletown. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

This roundtable conference will provide real world examples, tools and financing options to assist W-WTPs. It will also offer information about measuring existing plant performance, evaluating options for improvement, implementing appropriate measures to optimize plant performance, securing upper management support and identifying and securing potential financing options.

As a leader in the energy management sector, DEP was selected by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to pilot this conference. Other states in EPA Region 3 have the potential to develop similar energy conferences in the future.

Certified Treatment Plant Operators will receive two (2.0) Contact Hours toward their continuing education requirements and Professional Engineers can earn seven (7.0) Professional Development Hours (PDHs) for attending.

Funding for this workshop is provided by a U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program grant. The fee to participate is \$60. Registration deadline is May 1, late and on-site registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

For more information or to learn how to register, visit [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) and click on the W-WTP Energy Conference button.

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#### **Editor's note:**

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