

Earth Day 2012



Facts about Environmental Professionals

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

- There are more than 6,000 individuals employed by the Commonwealth in environmentally-related careers at DEP, the Department of Conservation of Natural Resources, the Fish and Boat Commission and the Game Commission
- DEP issued a total of 41,310 permits in 2011
- DEP collected nearly \$ 9.4 million in penalties in 2011
- DEP responded to more than 9,000 complaints in 2011

Office of External Affairs

In 2011, the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (EMAP):

- Received 110 calls to the toll-free environmental hotline
- Provided environmental consulting assistance to 770 small businesses
- Had 383 small business owners enter extended consulting engagements with the PA Small Business Development Center and EMAP
- Conducted on-site assessment visits at 67 small businesses
- Interacted with more than 10,000 students, teachers and the general public through education and outreach activities.

Office of Administration and Management

- DEP has a highly educated workforce with 2,171 positions, or 78 percent, requiring a bachelor's degree or higher
- DEP utilizes several unique and highly technical job titles, such as nuclear safety specialist, microbiologist, blasting explosives inspector, underground mine inspector, and a variety of engineering and scientific specialties
- DEP employees have an average tenure of 14 years
- DEP's chemists and biologists collected 66,686 and tested 903,031 water, soil and air samples in 2011

Office of Waste, Air, Radiation and Remediation (WARR)

- WARR conducted 24,363 site visits in 2011
- WARR conducted 3,742 inspections of radioactive materials licenses, accelerator licenses and X-ray registrants in 2011
- WARR issued 506 new X-ray unit registrations in 2011
- WARR conducted 700 site visits to five nuclear power plants in 2011
- WARR inspected 2,200 underground storage tank facilities in 2011
- WARR has completed 12,583 storage tank cleanups since 2011
- WARR has completed 4,155 brownfield cleanups
- WARR collected over 3.8 million dollars of fines in 2011

Office of Active and Abandoned Mining Operations (AAMO)

- AAMO conducted 23,340 site visits in 2011
- The last fatal mining accident occurred in June 2009, establishing a fatality-free period of over 32 months
- AAMO issued 6,419 permits in 2011
- AAMO collected 323,300 dollars of fines in 2011

Office of Oil and Gas Management

- Oil and Gas conducted 24,214 site visits in 2011
- Oil and Gas issued 10,301 permits in 2011
- Oil and Gas collected over 2.5 million dollars of fines in 2011

Office of Water Management

- Water Management conducted 13,753 site visits in 2011
- Water Management issued 7,347 permits in 2011
- Water Management collected over 2.6 million dollars of fines in 2011

Department of Conservation of Natural Resources

- DCNR oversees 120 state parks, welcoming about 38 million visitors annually
- DCNR oversees 2.2 million-acre state forest system to a level where it is independently certified as “well-managed”
- DCNR’s recreation professionals have assisted all Pennsylvania counties and more than half of all communities in meeting their recreation and conservation needs
- DNCR’s scientists have developed the most advanced state digital map in the country