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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Final Policy for Development and Review of Regulations

Citizens Advisory Council
September 17, 2019

Tom Wolf, Governor

Patrick McDonnell, Secretary

Background

Title: Policy for Development and Review of Regulations

Policy Number: 012-0820-001

Background:

- Originally developed in 1996.
- Last updated in 1999.
- Final updated policy planned for publication September 2019

Purpose

- Policy serves as a helpful tool describing how environmental regulatory review process is implemented in the Commonwealth
- Purpose of Updates:
 - Increase clarity in language
 - Modernize where outdated
 - Remove non-substantive information (DEP's internal workflow processes)

Content Overview

Provides an overview of:

- DEP's unique regulatory review process
- Development and drafting of regulations
- Interactions between DEP and other Commonwealth agencies, departmental advisory committees, boards and councils
- Public comment and role in the regulatory review process

Summary of Revisions

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- Draft:
 - Updates made to ensure that the policy remains relevant to current practice
 - Policy was reformatted for readability/accessibility
- Final:
 - Clarifying edits
 - Appendices added
 - Links (References, Guide, and Policy)
 - Guide for Reviewing Regulations



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