

What is the CAC?

- The Citizens Advisory Council was legislatively created in 1970 as part of Act 275, which created the original Department of Environmental Resources
- CAC provides advice to DEP, the Governor, and the PA General Assembly on environmental matters



Who is the CAC?

- Comprised of 18 appointed citizen volunteers appointed by the:
 - Governor,
 - President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and
 - Speaker of the House of Representatives
- The Secretary of DEP is the 19th member
- Membership is to be geographically, politically, and professionally diverse



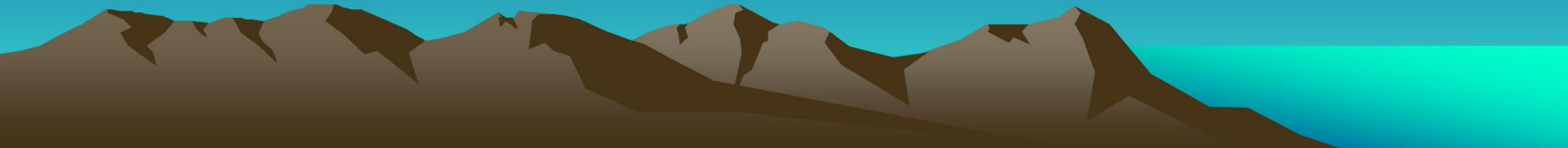
What does the CAC do?

- Review all of PA's environmental laws and make recommendations for revision, modification & codification
- Study the work of the DEP and make recommendations for improvement – Council is to have access to all department documents, papers, records, etc. for this purpose



What does the CAC do?

- CAC elects five council members to serve as the only non-governmental representatives on the Environmental Quality Board (EQB), the rulemaking arm of the department.
- CAC elects four members to sit on the Mining and Reclamation Advisory Board (MRAB), which is charged with advising the Secretary on all matters pertaining to surface coal mining and reclamation, including the expenditure of funds.



What does the CAC do?

- Council representatives also serve on a number of other DEP advisory committees:
 - Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee,
 - Low Level Radioactive Waste Advisory Committee,
 - Oil and Gas Technical Advisory Board,
 - Recycling Fund Advisory Committee,
 - Solid Waste Advisory Committee,
 - Radiation Protection Advisory Committee, and
 - Environmental Hearing Board Rules Committee.

