



# Citizens Advisory Council

to the Department of Environmental Protection

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Dear Mr. Vories:

This is a letter of support for the Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation's (EPCAMR) proposal under OSM's Applied Sciences Grant. The Citizens Advisory Council<sup>1</sup> has a long history of working on reclamation and mine drainage remediation issues, including election of four of our members to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Mining and Reclamation Advisory Board.

Pennsylvania's coal mining heritage has resulted in a legacy of mine scarred lands and water supplies. In order to try to turn these environmental liabilities into opportunities, we need the ability to determine the availability and quality of mine pool water. By compiling, evaluating and digitizing data regarding major discharges and mine pools, this project will be of great assistance in determining the availability of mine pool water for treatment and/or use. We support EPCAMR's effort which will ultimately benefit Pennsylvania's long term effort to repair and restore our land and water resources.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (717) 787-4527.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Wilson".

Susan Wilson  
Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> The Citizens Advisory Council was legislatively created in 1971 to advise the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection on environmental issues, and laws, and on the work of the Department. The Council consists of 18 appointed citizen volunteers.