

August 2023 Climate Change Advisory Committee Feedback Outcomes for the 2024 Impacts Assessment and 2024 Climate Action Plan

Materials Provided for Review	Committee Members Who Provided Feedback	# of Written Comments and Questions
Climate Impact Assessment Initial Outline	5	Written – 4 Verbal – 4
Climate Action Plan Initial Outline	6	Written – 3 Verbal – 17
August 2023 Meeting Slides	4	Written – 1 Verbal – 4

Example Outcomes

The outcomes listed below are not meant to be exhaustive of how all feedback is addressed but is intended to summarize examples of feedback that substantively impacted the content of the CCAC Meeting Slides, the Climate Impact Assessment, and Climate Action Plan development.

CCAC Meeting Slides/General Comments

- **Feedback emphasizing how Justice40, environmental justice, and LMI community considerations will be defined and incorporated into the CIA and the CAP. (2 verbal comments received)**
 - **Clarification:** The CIA and CAP will review impacts to EJ communities, using the updated DEP definition of these areas. Justice 40 will be acknowledged as a federal program as will the opportunities it presents for Pennsylvania’s EJ communities. This was always a component of DEP’s initial plan for both documents.

Climate Impact Assessment Outline

- **Feedback: Request additional emphasis and analysis of the health impacts of climate risks such as high heat index, not just high temperatures, and worsening air quality from increased heat, etc. (1 verbal comment received, 2 written comments received)**
 - **Clarification:** ICF will be performing three deeper dives on the health/equity impacts of certain climate hazards. At least two deep dives will be health focused. This has been a priority for DEP to take a deeper look into health impacts and was part of the initial planning process.
- **Comment: I don't see droughts in the risk assessment section despite being mentioned earlier in the doc- relevant to crop growth/availability, recreation etc.**
 - **Response and resulting changes:** That is correct. The in-depth risk assessment is limited to the six hazards expected to affect the Commonwealth most significantly. Other hazards such as short-term drought, saltwater intrusion, sinkholes, snowstorms and snow cover, and stormwater management are

acknowledged where appropriate but are not covered in depth. For the 2024 CIA will expand discussion of drought impacts relative to the 2021 CIA.

Climate Action Plan Outline

- ***Feedback: Request additional emphasis and analysis of carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS). (1 verbal comment received, 1 written comment received)***
 - ***Decision:*** Evaluation of CCUS will be included when developing strategies for the Climate Action Plan.