#### PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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# **CLIMATE CHANGE AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

# **DROUGHT HAZARDS AND MANAGING RISK**

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### I. HEALTH

- a. Health Effects
  - i. Hunger and famine
    - 1. Susceptible Population
      - a. Commonwealth Residents
  - ii. Disease from Lack of Available Clean Water
    - 1. Susceptible Population
      - a. Residents with poor public water supplies
      - b. Residents with self-supplied water
      - c. Residents with poor public sanitation
  - iii. Wildfires
    - 1. Susceptible Population
      - a. Commonwealth Residents

# b. Partners

- i. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- ii. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
- iii. Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
- iv. County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
- v. Susquehanna River Basin Commission
- vi. Delaware River Basin Commission
- vii. Federal Emergency Management Agency
- viii. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service (NWS)
- ix. U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
- x. U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- xi. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau
- xii. Public/Municipal Water Suppliers
- xiii. Private Water Companies
- c. Databases/Sources
  - i. National Integrated Drought information System
  - ii. USGS Pennsylvania Drought Condition Monitoring website
  - iii. http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/Docs/JEH/2009/July-Aug 09 Kalis Miller.PDF

iv. CDC's guidance document: When Every Drop Counts: Protecting Public Health During Drought Conditions—A Guide for Public Health Professionals

### **II. ENVIRONMENT**

- a. Managing Risk
  - i. State and County Hazard Mitigation Plans
  - ii. Water Supplier's Drought Contingency Plans
  - iii. Water Conservation Programs
  - iv. Promoting the Solution
    - 1. Public Outreach
    - 2. Communications
    - 3. Marketing

