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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



# Updates to the Regulatory, Technical Guidance, and Advisory Committees Policies

Oil and Gas Technical Advisory Board

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Tom Wolf, Governor

Patrick McDonnell, Secretary

# Policy Revision Overview

- Policies first developed in the 1990s
- Purposes of 2017 Updates:
  - Increase clarity in wording
  - Modernize where outdated
  - Remove non-substantive information (DEP's internal workflow processes)
  - Initiate meaningful conversation between DEP and all stakeholders on our policy development

# Regulatory Review Policy

**Title:** Development and Review of Regulations

**Policy Number:** 012-0820-001

## **Background:**

- Originally developed in 1996.
- Last updated in 1999.

# Regulatory Review Policy

## **Provides an overview of:**

- DEP's unique regulatory review process
- Role and procedure for comments received during the public participation phase
- Interactions between DEP and other Commonwealth agencies, departmental advisory committees, boards and councils

# Regulatory Review Policy

## Summary of Revisions:

- Updates made to ensure that the policy remains relevant to current practice
- Explains how amendments made to the Regulatory Review Act in 2012 (Act 76) impact the way DEP carries out its regulatory process
- Policy was reformatted for clarity and readability

# Technical Guidance Policy

**Title:** Policy for the Development and Publication of Technical Guidance

**Policy Number:** 012-0900-001

## **Background:**

- Originally developed in 1996.
- Revised and published as Interim-Final in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* in May 2015.

# Technical Guidance Policy

## **Provides an overview of:**

- Purpose and role of TGDs
- Public comment periods and other tools for transparency
- Maintenance and distribution of TGDs

# Technical Guidance Policy

## Summary of Revisions:

- Significantly simplified from the previous version, removing non-substantive internal procedures
- Clarifications of the public comment process



# Advisory Committee Policy

**Title:** Advisory Committee Guidelines

**Policy Number:** 012-1920-002

## **Background:**

- Originally published May 5, 1998.
- No update after 1998.

# Advisory Committee Policy

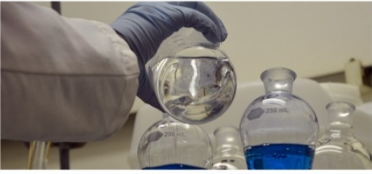
## Provides an overview of:

- The role, function, and expectations of DEP's advisory committees. DEP currently works with over 25 advisory committees including the Citizen's Advisory Council.

# Advisory Committee Policy

## Summary of Revisions:

- Clarifies the roles of advisory committee members, the public, and DEP related to the planning and holding of advisory committee meetings.
- Clarifies role of advisory committees and members in the regulatory review and technical guidance review processes.



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