

# Act 220

## Statutory Obligations Of the Statewide Water Resources Committee

Water Planning Office  
PA Department of Environmental Protection  
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The Statewide Committee shall guide the development of, approve and recommend to the Secretary approval and adoption of the State Water Plan. (3111(A))

In approving, recommending and adopting the State Water Plan, the Statewide Committee and Secretary shall provide serious and deliberate consideration to regional priorities, objectives and recommendations expressed by the Regional Committee.

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reconcile differences or conflicts among regional plans and assure that the regional plans and statewide plan adequately consider and reflect federal, state and compact basin commission policies, plans, objectives and priorities of national, statewide or interstate importance. (3112(C))

Upon recommendation from a Regional Committee, the Statewide Committee and Secretary may designate the area for the development of a critical area resource plan for any watershed or watersheds within a critical water planning area....(3112(D)(1))

The purpose of the Statewide Committee is to coordinate the development of the State Water Plan, recommend policies and guidelines for and oversee the development of the State Water Plan, and in continuing consultation and collaboration with the Regional Committees and the Department and with full opportunity for public review and comment, approve and recommend to the Secretary approval and adoption of the State Water Plan....(3114(A))

Recommend to the Secretary the approval and adoption of the State Water Plan, including regional plan components, following consultation with the Regional Committees, the Department, compact basin commission and other appropriate agencies and after the public comment and hearing (3114(C)(1))

Assist the Department, in cooperation with the Regional Committees, with the development of a public participation process to encourage the input from persons interested in water resources issues throughout the process of developing and formulating regional plan components and the State Water Plan. (3114(C)(2))

Recommend approval by the Secretary of policies and guidelines for the preparation and development of regional plans and the State Water Plan....(3114(C)(3))

Review and comment upon regulations and policies proposed by the Department under Act 220. The Statewide Committee shall be given a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on regulations promulgated under this chapter affecting water resources prior to the submission to the Environmental Quality Board for both initial and final consideration. (3114(C)(4))

Following consultation with Regional Committees, the Statewide Committee shall approve and recommend to the Secretary, approval and adoption of regional plan components and the State Water Plan....(3115(C)(4))