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SUBJECT: Documents for Regional Committee Review and Comment

TO: All Regional Water Resources Committees

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DOCUMENTS: **Policy and Integration Subcommittee**

- Nov. 17, 2004 **Draft Regional Component Outline**

Critical Water Planning Area (CWPA) Subcommittee

- Nov. 19, 2004 Jan Bowers Memo
- **Critical Water Planning Area (CWPA) Designation Criteria**- Nov. 19, 2004 Draft
- **Critical Water Planning Area (CWPA) Nomination Process**- Nov. 4, 2004 Draft

Policy and Integration Subcommittee

The Water Resources Planning Act calls for the development of a State Water Plan that consists of six Regional Components to reflect the geographic diversity of six major basins (Delaware, Upper Susquehanna, Lower Susquehanna, Potomac, Ohio, and Great Lakes). Section 3112 of the Water Resources Planning Act requires the State Water Plan and each Regional Component to include discussion of each section of 3112(a) and that discussion should include consideration of the items enumerated in section 3112(b) as relevant.

Enclosed is the Nov. 17, 2004 **Draft Regional Component Outline** that was approved on Nov. 19 by the Statewide Water Resources Committee for distribution to the Regional Water Resources Committees (Regional Committees) for review and comment. The proposed outline is an example of a Regional Component (Regional Chapter) of the overall State Water Plan for review and comment by each of the Regional Committees at the December meeting. Elements required by section 3112(a) are noted with a reference. Elements to be considered under section 3112(b) are similarly noted with a reference. This outline suggests lead entities and target dates (subject to change) for completion of each portion of this task. Each of the Regional Committees will be asked to use this outline as a baseline when developing their respective regional components.

Please review the Nov. 17, 2004 **Draft Regional Component Outline** with the following questions in mind:

- What revisions to the content and organization of the outline would you recommend?
- How will DEP and the Regional Committees work together to complete the components of this outline?

Please follow these instructions for submitting comments on the Nov. 17, 2004 **Draft Regional Component Outline**:

- Comments are due by Feb. 28, 2005, 4:00 pm.
- Comments may be submitted on behalf of a Regional Committee and on behalf of individual Committee members.
- Comments should be written and sent via email.
- All comments should be sent to the following individuals:

Don Bluedorn	dbluedorn@bccz.com
Jan Bowers	jbowers@chesco.org
John Hines	johines@state.pa.us
Jim MacKenzie	jim@octoraro.com
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We will compile and review the comments and work with the Policy and Integration Subcommittee to address them.

CWPA Subcommittee

Additionally, there are three documents from the CWPA Subcommittee that have been approved by the Statewide Water Resources Committee for distribution to the Regional Committees for review and comment. They are: 1) Nov. 19 Memo from Jan Bowers, 2) **CWPA Designation Criteria** (Nov. 19, 2004 Draft) and 3) **CWPA Nomination Process** (Nov. 4, 2004 Draft). The latter 2 documents are “working drafts” and are incomplete but are being provided at this time in an effort to engage the Regional Committees in the process of their development. Please read Jan’s memo to gain an understanding of the status of the draft CWPA documents, the issues that are being considered by the CWPA Subcommittee and how these issues are translated into the two documents for your consideration. Because of the technical complexities involved in these documents, a presentation will be provided at each Regional Committee meeting in December to assist members in understanding the basis of the draft documents. Each Regional Committee is asked to review and provide comments on these draft documents.

Please follow these instructions for submitting comments on the two CWPA Draft Documents (**CWPA Designation Criteria** and **CWPA Nomination Process**):

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We will compile and review the comments and work with the CWPA Subcommittee to address them.

We will be discussing these documents in detail at the December Regional Committee meetings. It is essential that you review these documents in advance, so that meaningful discussion will occur at the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at suweaver@state.pa.us or 717-783-8055.

Enclosures