

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 11, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Room 105, RCSOB

Harrisburg, PA

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order, Attendance** – Dr. Robert Traver, Chair
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes** – Chair
3. **Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Update** – Andy Zemba
DEP has submitted Pennsylvania's Phase 2 WIP to EPA for review and comment. The WIP is also available on DEP's website for public comment through January 30, 2012.

Phase 2 WIP:

[http://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/Chesapeake%20Bay%20Program/ChesapeakePortalFiles/12-21-2011/Garvin%20-%20EPA%20-%20WIP%20-%20Pennsylvania%20FINAL%20DRAFT%20Phase%202%20WIP%2012-15-11%20\(2\).pdf](http://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/Chesapeake%20Bay%20Program/ChesapeakePortalFiles/12-21-2011/Garvin%20-%20EPA%20-%20WIP%20-%20Pennsylvania%20FINAL%20DRAFT%20Phase%202%20WIP%2012-15-11%20(2).pdf)

4. **Utilization of Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) in Well Development for Natural Gas Extraction** – Duke Adams
In November 2011 DEP issued a White Paper outlining the preliminary process it will use for authorizing the use of AMD water for oil and gas operations, including Marcellus Shale wells. In January, DEP will host input sessions to gather comments from members of environmental groups and industry. The process will be revised and improved as needed until DEP publishes a final position paper on the issue in February 2012.

News Release:

<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/newsroom/14287?id=19161&typeid=1>

White Paper:

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/minres/oilgas/FINAL%20White%20Paper%20--%20Review%20Team%20Findings%20for%20Use%20of%20AMD%20for%20Frac%20Water.pdf>

5. **Chapter 93, Water Quality Standards Triennial Review (25 Pa Code, Chapter 93)** – Tom Barron
DEP has discussed the proposed triennial rulemaking with WRAC five times in 2011, at the April, June, July, October and December meetings. DEP will present a copy of the Annex and is seeking formal action by the Committee to move the package to EQB as a proposed rulemaking.
6. **General Discussion** - Chair
7. **Public Comment Period** – Chair
8. **Adjourn**

Future meeting dates for 2012: April 11, July 12 (Thursday), October 10