

March 7, 2025

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: COMMISSION ON SENTENCING

The General Assembly's Commission on Sentencing announced a meeting on March 20, 2025, to be held in Room 523 of the Irvis Building, Harrisburg. The meeting can also be attended via [Zoom](#).

DCED: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT 2024 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT

The Department of Community and Economic Development announced it is preparing its 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) on the progress and accomplishments made during the 2024 program year in implementing the commonwealth's Consolidated Plan for federal fiscal years 2024-2028. This document must be submitted to, and approved by, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the commonwealth and organizations within the commonwealth to receive funding under most HUD housing and community development programs. The Consolidated Plan creates a unified strategy for housing, homelessness and community development programs, as well as the necessary linkages for building successful neighborhoods and communities.

Individuals or organizations may provide written comments regarding this draft version of CAPER. The report will be available on March 8, 2025, on the department's [website](#). Written comments will be accepted until 4 p.m. on March 25, 2025, and should be sent to David Grey, Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community and Housing Development, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225, dcedchdpubliccomments@pa.gov. Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

DEP: AVAILABILITY OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS THROUGH THE REDUCING INDUSTRIAL SECTOR EMISSIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA (RISE PA) PROGRAM

The Department of Environmental Protection announced the opportunity to apply for up to \$320 million in competitive grant funding offered through the Reducing Industrial Sector Emissions in Pennsylvania (RISE PA) program. The department is seeking applications for innovative and transformative projects that will result in substantial emissions reductions. Applicants can contact the department's Energy Programs Office at ra-ep-cprg@pa.gov with questions or to request clarification about the Program Guidance document. Applications must be submitted through the commonwealth's [Electronic Single Application](#) system. Applications will close at 11:59 p.m. on August 29, 2025. Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

DEP: CLEANUP STANDARDS SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED

The Department of Environmental Protection's Cleanup Standards Scientific Advisory Board announced its March 18, 2025, meeting has been rescheduled for April 23, 2025. The meeting will be a hybrid format of in-person and by means of Microsoft Teams. Persons with questions or interested in providing public comments during the meeting must sign up prior to the start of the meeting by contacting Michael Maddigan at mmaddigan@pa.gov or (717) 772-3609. Information on how to join the meeting, as well as the agenda and meeting materials, will be available on the board's [website](#).

DEP: INTERSTATE POLLUTION TRANSPORT REDUCTION: PROPOSED 2025 OZONE SEASON NITROGEN OXIDE EMISSION LIMITS FOR NONELECTRIC GENERATING UNITS

The Department of Environmental Protection provided notice and an opportunity for public comment on the proposed Nonelectric Generating Unit (non-EGU) 2025 Ozone Season (OS) Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x) emission limitations established under 25 Pa. Code § 145.8(d) (relating to transition to CAIR NO_x trading programs). The 17-day public comment period will end on March 24, 2025. Commentators are encouraged to submit comments using the department's [eComment](#) tool or by email to ecomment@pa.gov. Written comments can be mailed to the Policy Office, Department of Environmental Protection, Rachel Carson State Office Building, P.O. Box 2063, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063, using "Proposed non-EGU 2025 Ozone Season NO_x emission limits" as the subject line. Questions should be directed to Kirit Dalal at (717) 772-3436 or kdalal@pa.gov.

DOH: HEALTH POLICY BOARD MEETING

The Department of Health's Health Policy Board announced a meeting on Friday, March 21, 2025, at 1 p.m. Individuals may join the meeting by means of Microsoft Teams by calling (267) 332-8737 and using conference ID 167 061 9# or by using the following [link](#). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and adjudicate appeals and to discuss other programmatic and departmental activities. For further information regarding the meeting, interested persons should contact Sirisha Reddy, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Health, at (717) 547-3248.

DOH: NEWBORN SCREENING AND FOLLOW-UP TECHNICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The Department of Health's Newborn Screening and Follow-Up Technical Advisory Board announced a public meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. The location for in-person attendance is the Health and Human Services Building, WIC Office Conference Room, 625 Forster Street, 7th Floor West, Harrisburg. Individuals must RSVP no later than Friday, March 14, 2025, if they plan to attend in person. The meeting may be attended virtually via [Microsoft Teams](#) or by (267) 332-8737 and entering conference access ID 375140585#.

DOH: NURSING HOME PATIENT SAFETY TRUST FUND SURCHARGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE MEDICAL CARE AVAILABILITY AND REDUCTION OF ERROR (MCARE) ACT

The Department of Health's Patient Safety Authority has recommended a total of \$1.2 million surcharge assessment from nursing homes for fiscal year 2024-2025. Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

EQB: MEETING CANCELLATION

The Environmental Quality Board announced its March 11, 2025, meeting is canceled. The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building. Individuals may attend the meeting in person or remotely. Information on how to join the meeting, as well as the agenda and meeting materials, will be available on the board's [website](#). Questions concerning the meeting can be directed to Laura Griffin at laurgriffi@pa.gov or (717) 783-8727.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION: RULEMAKING; CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

The Office of Administration deleted and reserved Chapters 601a—607a (relating to civil service reform—temporary regulations) and adopted Chapters 608—615 (relating to civil service reform) in their place. Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

PFBC: RULEMAKING; CLASS A WILD TROUT STREAMS; STATEMENTS OF POLICY

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission proposed to amend Chapter 57 (relating to statements of policy). Individuals seeking further information may contact Renae Kluk Kiehl, Esq., PO Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. The proposed statement of policy is available on the commission's [website](#). Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

PFBC: FISHING; RULEMAKING; GENERAL FISHING REGULATIONS

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission amended Chapter 63 (relating to general fishing regulations). Individuals seeking further information may contact Renae Kluk Kiehl, Esq., PO Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. The final-form rulemaking is available on the commission's [website](#). Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

PUC: TENTATIVE IMPLEMENTATION ORDER TO THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAM; DOC. NO. M-2025-3052826

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission published its tentative Implementation Order from February 20, 2025. The order is available on the commission's [website](#). Comments to the Tentative Implementation Order are due within 30 days, with reply comments due 15 days thereafter. The contact person for technical issues is Joseph Sherrick, Bureau of Technical Utility Services, (717) 787-5369, josherrick@pa.gov. The contact person for legal and process issues is Tiffany Tran, Law Bureau, (717) 783-5413, tiftran@pa.gov.