



## Joint Meeting of the Estuary Implementation Committee (EIC) and the Science & Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

September 11, 2014

EPA Region 3 Office, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA

**RSVP and Photo ID Required!**

### Agenda

#### 9:00 Welcome & Introductions (20 minutes)

- Jen Adkins (EIC Chair) will give a brief welcome and overview of the day's agenda.
- Sue Kilham (STAC Chair) will kick off introductions by announcing the outcome of STAC elections and introducing new STAC members.
- Jen and Sue will each present minutes for review and approval (Jen for May EIC/Board meeting; Sue for April STAC meeting.)<sup>i</sup>

#### 9:20 PDE Board Report (20 minutes)

Jen Adkins will give a brief report on Board activity for feedback, including:

- Updates on marketing/communications planning<sup>ii</sup>
- Updates on PDE office expansion feasibility study
- Updates on PDE staffing and development

#### 9:40 2014 Projects and Results (20 minutes)

- Danielle Kreeger will give a brief report on recent/upcoming PDE projects and programs.<sup>iii</sup>
- Priscilla Cole and Jen Adkins will report on GPRA/NEPORT data collection results for discussion and input for improving the process moving forward

#### 10:00 CCMP Updates/Revisions (30 minutes)<sup>iv</sup>

- Danielle Kreeger will present new language for Regional Sediment Management for review and EIC approval
- Priscilla Cole will present new language on the web pages for discussion for review and EIC approval

10:30 *break (15 minutes)*

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### 10:45 2015 NEP Work Plan (45 minutes)

- Jen Adkins will highlight new elements of EPA's National Estuary Program Guidance<sup>v</sup> with impacts to PDE's work plan and seek input and approval for modifications to address them, including:
  - Forming a new work group to develop a process for making updates and revisions to the CCMP and method for tracking/reporting on progress
  - Putting the PDE Alliance and Project Registry on hold until further notice in order to allocate staffing resources to CCMP planning and work planning/administration.
  - Adding details/milestones for STAC (and EIC) activities in 2015 to advance measurable goals, monitoring.
- Jen Adkins will provide an overview of two elements added to PDE's NEP work plans for 2014 and 2015 thanks to other/additional EPA funding.

### 11:30 New MOU for the Delaware Estuary Program (30 minutes)

Jen Adkins, Megan Mackey and Irene Purdy will report on the status of efforts to develop a new/updated document to replace the 2007 MOU that expires in December and seek input on any sticking points.<sup>vi</sup>

*12:00 – Lunch (45 minutes)*

### 12:45 Oct 9<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting Agenda (45 minutes)

Jen Adkins present ideas for this year's Steering Committee meeting on the afternoon of October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Independence Seaport Museum in Philadelphia, including:

- Steering Committee review/approval of MOU, seeking commitment for signing ceremony
- New CCMP Update Requirements/Plans, seeking commitment for partner participation
- Mid-Atlantic Coastal Wetland Assessment and Monitoring, seeking ideas for sustainable funding, commitments of partnership
- Update on PDE FY14 and FY15 NEP Work Plan Additions/Changes
- Other?

### 1:30 Requests for STAC Input (30 minutes)

PDE and/or partners have raised the following issues/topics for discussion and potential STAC analysis/briefs

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- Draft EIS for Early Site Permit at the PSEG Salem Plant<sup>1</sup> - see attached information<sup>vii</sup>
- Oyster aquaculture/restoration

### 2:00 2015 Delaware Estuary Science & Environmental Summit (45 minutes)

Danielle Kreeger will provide an update on the status of the Summit program, abstracts, moderators and seek input on additional program elements

### 2:45 Other Business (30 minutes)

- Other FY15 Priorities?
- Next Meeting date(s)

### 3:15 Adjourn

### **PDE Meetings/Events to Add to Your Calendar!**

- **Sep 6** – Pennsylvania Coast Day, Penns Landing, Philadelphia PA
- **Sep 13-20** – Sea Level Awareness Week in Delaware, (see <http://sosdelaware.org/> for information on various events)
- **Sep 27** – Pumpkin Beer Tasting Event to benefit PDE, Bellevue State Park, North Wilmington, DE (wrapping up National Estuaries Week Sep 20-27)
- **Oct 5** – Delaware Coast Day, University of Delaware, Lewes, DE
- **Oct 9** – Experience the Estuary Celebration, Independence Seaport Museum, Philadelphia, PA
- **Oct 23** – PDE Staff Retreat dinner (Board members welcome!), location TBD
- **Oct 30-Nov 1** – Atlantic Estuarine Research Society Fall Meeting, Stockton College, NJ
- **Nov 2 – 5** – Fall National Estuary Program Meeting and Restore America's Estuaries Summit, Washington DC
- **Dec 4** – Annual Board/EIC Meeting, location TBD
- **Jan 25-28** – Delaware Estuary Science and Environmental Summit, Cape May, NJ

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<sup>i</sup> See May Board/EIC Minutes and April STAC Minutes

<sup>ii</sup> See L'Wool 9/4 Presentation

<sup>iii</sup> See PDE Program Updates document

<sup>iv</sup> See hidden CCMP Updates web page (<http://delawareestuary.org/node/227>)

<sup>v</sup> See 2014-2015 EPA NEP Guidance document

<sup>vi</sup> See MOU Revisions document and DELEP/NEP Policies/Guidelines document

<sup>vii</sup> See PSEG Public Comment Notice/Information

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<sup>1</sup> The 75 day comment period on the EIS opened on Friday, August 22, 2014. Please search <http://www.regulations.gov/> under The Docket ID: NRC-2014-0149 for more information.