

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

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SRBC TO MEET, PRESENT AWARD TO ROBERT HUGHES OF EPCAMR, REPORT ON HYDROLOGIC CONDITIONS, AND VOTE ON 45+ WATER WITHDRAWAL AND USE APPLICATIONS, APPLICATION FEE POLICY FOR MINE DRAINAGE WATER WITHDRAWALS, ACCESS TO RECORDS POLICY AND FEES, 2009 WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM

WHAT: The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) will hold its regular quarterly business meeting, which is open to the public. SRBC will: present its *William Jeanes Award for Environmental Excellence* to Robert Hughes, Executive Director, Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation; review current hydrologic conditions throughout the Susquehanna River Basin; hear report on legal issues and controversies affecting SRBC; hear presentation from the U.S. Geological Survey on a project to improve stream flow measurements; vote on 2009 Water Resources Program, proposed Access to Records policy and accompanying fees, Application Fee Policy for projects withdrawing mine drainage water, and 45+ water withdrawal and consumptive use applications (mostly related to natural gas well development).

WHEN: Thursday, March 12, 2009 / 1:00 p.m.

WHO: SRBC commissioners and alternates voting at the meeting:

Dr. Robert Summers, SRBC Chair
Deputy Secretary, MD Department of the Environment
BG Todd Semonite, Commander, North Atlantic Division,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kenneth Lynch, Director, Region 7
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
John Hines, Executive Director, Water Planning Office
PA Department of Environmental Protection

SRBC officers participating in the meeting:

Paul Swartz, Executive Director
Thomas Beauduy, Deputy Director
Duane Friends, Chief Administrative Officer
Stephanie Richardson, Secretary to the Commission

WHERE: Hilton Scranton & Conference Center, Casey ABC Rooms, 100 Adams Ave., Scranton, Pa.

SRBC: The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (www.srbc.net) is the governing agency established under a 100-year compact signed on December 24, 1970 by the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and wisely manage the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Md., where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay.