

## **Commission Regulatory Program Coordination Touchpoints**

Listing of agencies commonly coordinated with and identified as State Environmental Agency, Safe Drinking Water Act implementing agencies, and State and Federal Environmental and Resource Agencies are provided at the end of this document.

### Pre-Application

- Routine — State Environmental Agency {New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)}
  - Public Water Supply (PWS) projects - Safe Drinking Water Act implementing agencies.
  - Non-PWS Projects – NYSDEC, MDE
  - Case-by-case – State and Federal Environmental and Resource Agencies.

### Aquifer Test/Waiver

- Routine – New PWS, concurrent review of plans; coordinated field meetings. Renewal PWS, coordinated review of waiver results/plans. Both project types - Safe Drinking Water Act implementing agencies.
- Routine – Environmental review - State or Federal Environmental or Resource Agency as appropriate.
- Case-by-Case – State or Federal Environmental or Resource Agency as appropriate to determine monitoring needs or perform joint field meeting.
- Case-by-Case – For non-PWS projects, State Environmental Agency as appropriate.

### Pending Projects

- Routine – Standard notice by project sponsor to state environmental agency, county and local municipality.
- Routine – Spreadsheet of quarterly pending projects emailed to state and federal environmental and resource agencies ~ 4 weeks before quarterly Public Hearing. Email requests agency comments.

### Environmental Reviews

- Case-by-Case – state and federal environmental and resource agencies to determine potential for significant adverse impacts. Example:
  - Rare species habitat near project site.
  - Sensitive wetlands near new water supply well.

## Technical Reviews

- Routine – Spreadsheet of project recommendations emailed to state and federal environmental and resource agencies ~ 4-5 weeks before quarterly Commission Meeting. Email requests agency comments.
- Routine – Safe Drinking Water Act implementing partner agencies for public water supply projects.
- Routine – Surface Water Public Water Supplies Safe Drinking Water Act implementing partner agencies
  - In PA– Coordinated review per existing Memorandum of Understanding(MOU) with PADEP. Commission provides comments to PADEP.
  - In NY – Coordinated per existing MOU with NY
- Case-by-Case – State or Federal Environmental or Resource Agency as appropriate. Examples:
  - Water withdrawal intake design with state agency wetlands permitting staff.
  - Joint-agency project site field assessments.

## Commission Meetings

- Routine - SRBC staff– Commissioner quarterly conference call with PA, MD, NY, Federal Government Commissioners and technical advisors, ~ 4-5 weeks before Commission Meeting.
- Routine - Quarterly Commission Briefing and Business Meetings with PA, MD, NY, Federal Government Commissioners and technical advisors.
- Routine - Executive Director Administrative Items – Settlement agreements consultations with member jurisdictions per Commission Resolution 2018-08.

## Dockets

- Routine – Email of draft dockets sent to State or Federal Environmental or Resource Agency and project sponsors ~ 2 weeks before quarterly Commission Meeting. Email requests comments.
- Routine – Email of approved dockets sent to State or Federal Environmental or Resource Agency and project sponsors ~ 2 weeks after quarterly Commission Meeting.
- Routine – Surface Water Public Water Supplies in PA – If issued Water Allocation Permit considered Commission’s comments, the Water Allocation Permit functions as Commission Docket.

### Approval By Rule (ABRe)

- Routine – Standard Notice by Sponsor to State Environmental Agency, county and local municipality
- Routine – Coordination with Safe Drinking Water Act implementing partner agencies.

### Approval By Rule (ABRf) – Natural Gas Wellpads (PA Only)

- Routine – Standard Notice by Sponsor to PADEP, county and local municipality.
- Routine – Email of approved ABRf to PADEP and project sponsor.

### Approval By Rule (ABRf) – Source

- Routine – Standard Notice by Sponsor to State Environmental Agency, county and local municipality for public water supply or wastewater discharge sources.
- Routine – Coordination with Safe Drinking Water Act implementing partner agencies for public water supply sources.
- Routine – Email of approved source registration/approval to PADEP and project sponsor.

### Minor Modification Dockets

- Routine – Standard Notice by Sponsor to State Environmental Agency, county and local municipality.
- Case-by-Case – State or Federal Environmental or Resource Agency as appropriate.  
Examples:
  - PWS with PADEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water.
  - Power plant intakes – PADEP Bureau of Clean Water.

### Emergency Certificate

- Routine – As required in regulation – Chair of Commission and Host State Commissioner
- Case-by-case - State or Federal Environmental or Resource Agency. Examples:
  - Public water supply (PWS) with safe drinking water act implementing agencies.

### Examples of Agencies and Programs:

#### State Environmental Agency:

- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- Maryland Department of the Environment

Safe Drinking Water Act implementing agencies:

- PADEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
- NY Department of Health (State or County)
- NYSDEC Program
- MDE Water Supply Program

State and Federal Environmental and Resource Agencies:

- PADEP Bureau of Clean Water
- PADEP Waterways Engineering and Wetlands
- PADEP Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation
- PADEP Bureau of Waste Management
- PADEP Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields
- PADEP Bureau of Air Quality
- PA Fish and Boat Commission
- PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- NY Natural Heritage Program
- MDE Wetlands and Waterways Program
- MD Department of Natural Resources
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service