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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is charged with the responsible development of a balanced ecological system incorporating social, cultural, and economic needs of the Commonwealth through development and protection. The Department is responsible for the state's land, air, and water management programs, all aspects of environmental protection, and the regulation of mining operations.

The publications of the Department of Environmental Protection contain newsletters, environmental assessments, educational guides, annual reports, and other various reports. Selected topics from these publications include climate impacts in Pennsylvania, water quality, flood recovery, etc. The bulk of the current material is dated from 1999 to present.

Biographical / Historical

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was created by Act 1995-18 which split the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) into DEP and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The statute designated DEP as the renamed Department of Environmental Resources, and DEP received a blanket transfer of all basic powers and duties of that discontinued department not specifically assigned to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. DER's authority over state forests, parks, and outdoor recreational facilities was given to Conservation and Natural Resources, so that DEP is not directly involved in administering public properties.

Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Department of Environmental Resources (agency emerged from), Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (related agency)

General Note

The Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund annual reports are interactive digital publications made available by the Department of Environmental Protection on their website: <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/SiteRemediation/Hazardous-Sites-Cleanup-Program/Pages/Annual-Report.aspx>.

Other Finding Aids

For more information concerning the records of the Department of Environmental Protection at the Pennsylvania State Archives, please visit:

<https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=class339>.

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