



In Case You Missed It

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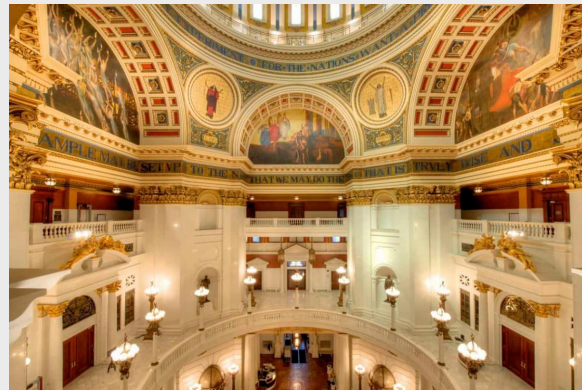


Policy Update

When Action Means Inaction

If you follow PEC, you know that we have been focused on decarbonizing Pennsylvania's energy production in general and getting the state to join RGGI – the Regional Greenhouse Gas initiative.

Pennsylvania needs a multi-faceted, all-of-the-above approach to decarbonization. And we need to ensure that firm, dispatchable power remains a part of our energy supply. RGGI, as a market-based solution, works within these parameters.



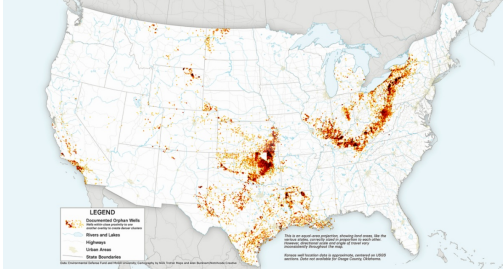
However, in late October the Pennsylvania Senate passed a resolution to block the state's proposed rulemaking to link with RGGI, and the House Environmental Resources & Energy Committee passed the resolution this past month. It will now go to the full House for consideration.

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PEC Blog

Mapping Pennsylvania's Orphan Wells

Researchers from the Environmental Defense Fund and McGill University have compiled information on the locations of approximately 81 thousand orphan wells across the U.S.,



including almost 9 thousand in Pennsylvania.

Learn more [here](#).

Growing Mussels for Healthier Waterways

Bartram's Garden's **newest project**, a watershed education and restoration center, will feature a production-scale freshwater mussel hatchery. This is big news for Philly-area wetlands and waterways. Though you might not expect it, freshwater mussels provide many important ecosystem services.

Learn more [here](#).



'Tis the Season for Watershed Conferences



PEC's Watersheds Program Director reflects on two recent conference experiences: The Watershed Congress, hosted by the Delaware River Keeper and the Delaware River Watershed Forum, hosted by the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed.

Learn more [here](#).

Annual Dinners

In November, PEC hosted its annual dinner events. The 51st Annual Environmental Partnership Dinner in Philadelphia was back in person after a virtual event last year. The 31st Annual Evening for Northeast Pennsylvania's Environment was held virtually.

Thanks to everyone who joined us and to our sponsors!



View photos from the Philly Dinner [here](#).



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With the energy market changing, Talen Energy of Allentown, PA, is looking at ways to keep facilities open by exploring other options for their plants, like battery storage and digital currency mining. We discuss with Julie LaBella, Talen's Senior Director for Regulatory and External Affairs.

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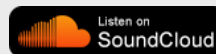
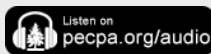
Dr. Sherri Mason, Director of Sustainability at Penn State Erie, was one of the first to look into plastic pollution in the Great Lakes. We speak with her about her research on microplastics, and what it means for ecosystem and human health.

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