

PADEP Non-Regulatory Agenda for 2023 Focuses on Mining Program

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In late July 2022, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) published its Non-Regulatory Agenda, which outlines the agency's upcoming plans related to its documents, manuals, and technical guidance. The Non-Regulatory Agenda outlines the agency's intent to rescind its Engineering Manual for Mining Operations, TGD No. 563-0300-101 (Jan. 1, 1999), by the end of this year. The agenda also notes PADEP's intent to revise several other technical guidance documents (TGDs) related to coal mining activities in the commonwealth. The TGDs identified by PADEP to be revised in early 2023 are:

- Surface Water Protection – Underground Bituminous Coal Mining Operations, TGD No. 563-2000-655 (Oct. 8, 2005);
- Financial Assurance and Bond Adjustments for Mine Sites with Post-Mining Discharges, TGD No. 563-2504-450 (Dec. 15, 2007) (draft);
- Increased Operation and Maintenance Costs of Re-placement Water Supplies (on All Coal and Surface Noncoal Sites), TGD No. 562-4000-102 (Dec. 2, 2006);
- Water Supply Replacement and Permitting, TGD No. 563-2112-605 (Dec. 31, 1998); and
- Water Supply Replacement and Compliance, TGD No. 562-4000-101 (Oct. 18, 1999).

Draft revisions will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and should be available online at

<https://www.depgreenport.state.pa.us/elibrary/GetFolder?FolderID=4556>. The public will have an opportunity to comment on these draft revisions for a period of at least 30 days.

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