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Latest News

Here is Your Chance to Grade PennDOT on Services

The state Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is accepting construction and maintenance services feedback through an online survey **until October 14**. The survey gives township officials and your residents the opportunity to weigh in on your experiences with how well PennDOT is providing services and communicating about its activities. The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022PDCConstruction>.

The 24-question survey asks respondents how they receive PennDOT roadway information and how often PennDOT meets or exceeds expectations in construction and maintenance activities. Respondents are also asked about experiences with reporting concerns to the department, and whether or how they use the state's 511PA traveler information services.

DEP Extends General Permit for Small MS4's (PAG-13), Invites Participation in Workgroup

The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has extended the availability of the current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) [General Permit for Discharges of Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems](#) (MS4) (PAG-13) for 24 months. The existing PAG-13 in effect at this time will expire March 15, 2023. With the 24-month extension, permittees who are operating under PAG-13 may continue to operate until March 15, 2025. DEP is extending the availability of this permit to address issues related to the renewal of PAG-13.

DEP is soliciting interest for participation in a workgroup to discuss and evaluate requirements to be incorporated into PAG-13 renewal process.

Interested parties may request participation via e-mail to RA-EPPAMS4@pa.gov by **October 11**.

To access the General Permit and related documents, visit [DEP's eLibrary website](#). Questions regarding the PAG-13 General Permit can be directed to Jamie Eberl, PE, at jeberl@pa.gov or (717) 772-4058.

Townships May Comment on Freight Plan

Township officials also have the opportunity to [comment on Pennsylvania's draft 2045 Freight Movement Plan](#) (FMP) **until October 5**. The FMP is federally required to propose strategies, recommend policies, and identify projects to improve multimodal freight movement. The plan reviews current and future trends in freight transportation and maintains a project-specific investment plan for federal funding purposes.

Today in History....

On September 26, 1871, David Saylor received the first patent for portland cement in the United States, (Patent No. 119,413). The businessman and innovator established the Coplay Cement Company along with Esias Rehrig and Adam Woolever in 1867. The kilns used to produce the cement still stand in Coplay, PA.

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

[Stormwater Management Practices For Residential Property Owners - 9/28/22](#)

This presentation will discuss small scale practices designed to minimize runoff from residential properties including, rain gardens, rain barrels and cisterns, pervious pavement, lawn to natural area conversions, tree planting, and sustainable turf care.



[Protecting Your Township Against Cyber Security Threats - 10/5/22](#)

In this webinar, representatives from Splashwire will review the 3Ps necessary to best protect your township – Process, Policy, and Procedures – against the ever-increasing number of cyber threats, whether those are malware or phishing attacks or other sinister efforts to access, take, or freeze your township's data.



The Latest On Short Term Rentals - 10/12/22

In this session, learn about the recent trends for regulating STRs around the country, as well as best practices to ensure that your municipality can address these issues head-on in an effective and efficient manner.



Preparing Your Township For Winter Maintenance - 10/26/22

In this webinar, township elected officials and staff will learn about how they can best position their townships to tackle the many issues that arise from winter maintenance of township roads.



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