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## **Bureau of Watershed Management**

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Dear Nonpoint Source Liaison Workgroup Member:

The Liaison Workgroup's next meeting is scheduled for **October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m**. It will be held in Room 105 in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA.

Primary topics of discussion for this meeting include Pa's Coastal Nonpoint Source (NPS) Program, Watershed Planning for NPS/319, and the NPS Management Program Update.

The Environmental Protection Agency Region III will provide an update on timely issues and will emphasize what they want to see in our 2003 NPS Annual Report. Pa's NPS program staff will provide current news on its program to the Liaison Workgroup, including our Watershed Planning effort for TMDL approved watersheds. The DEP Grants Center will provide an update on the Growing Greener grants program.

Finally, and most importantly, the NPS workgroups will meet to accomplish two tasks. One is to review our past year's accomplishments and compile our workgroups' contributions for the FY2003 NPS Annual Report to the EPA. The second task is to prepare for updating the NPS Management Program. The NPS workgroups will provide important input to update our NPS Program Goals and Milestones for the next 5 years. Workgroups will need to set their meeting schedule for next year. A preliminary draft outline and timeframe for developing NPS Management Program goals and milestones for the next 5 years will be provided to you at the meeting.

Please review the attached agenda and **come prepared with your input to the Annual Report and your calendars** for the Liaison Workgroup's 2004 meetings. Please call or e-mail Pat Ellison (717-787-5259 or pellison@state.pa.us) by October 15<sup>th</sup> as to whether you will be attending, so that we have an accurate count for lunch. We look forward to seeing you on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sincerely,

Lynn Langer Chief Division of Watershed Protection