

DEP REORGANIZATION AT A GLANCE

Why is the reorganization necessary?

DEP has evaluated its current structure in order to assess its operational efficiency, improve coordination and enhance communication to improve our responsiveness and our ability to protect the commonwealth's natural resources. In order to effectively implement these goals, DEP must first adopt several changes to the department's organizational structure. This reorganization moves DEP's focus back to essential environmental protection practices and permitting functions.

Major highlights

Office of Oil and Gas:

- As a reflection of the Administration's recognition of the importance of proper oversight of the natural gas industry, the Bureau of Oil and Gas Management will now become the Office of Oil and Gas Management. The integration of both central staff and field staff under the same management structure will allow the Department to better ensure that the oil and gas industry is administered in a uniform manner. This will give DEP the ability to better coordinate its permitting, inspection and enforcement efforts. Another equally important improvement will be the Department's enhancement of training and outreach programs. The reorganized Office of Oil and Gas will dedicate time to better developing educational opportunities for staff, the regulated industry, local government organizations and the general public.

Office of Water Management:

- The restructured Office of Water Management will integrate programs operating under the same set of state and federal regulations for a uniformed management structure. A new Bureau of Conservation and Restoration will be created to combine all of DEP's stream restoration activities and enhance communication among the restoration programs to direct our resources to the watersheds that are most in need.

Office of Pollution Prevention and Energy Assistance:

- The Office of Energy and Technology Deployment will be restructured and will become the Office of Pollution Prevention and Energy Assistance. In addition to fostering and developing alternative energy, this office will work with regional staff to reach out and help companies achieve greater pollution prevention, energy efficiency and improved compliance efforts.

Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields:

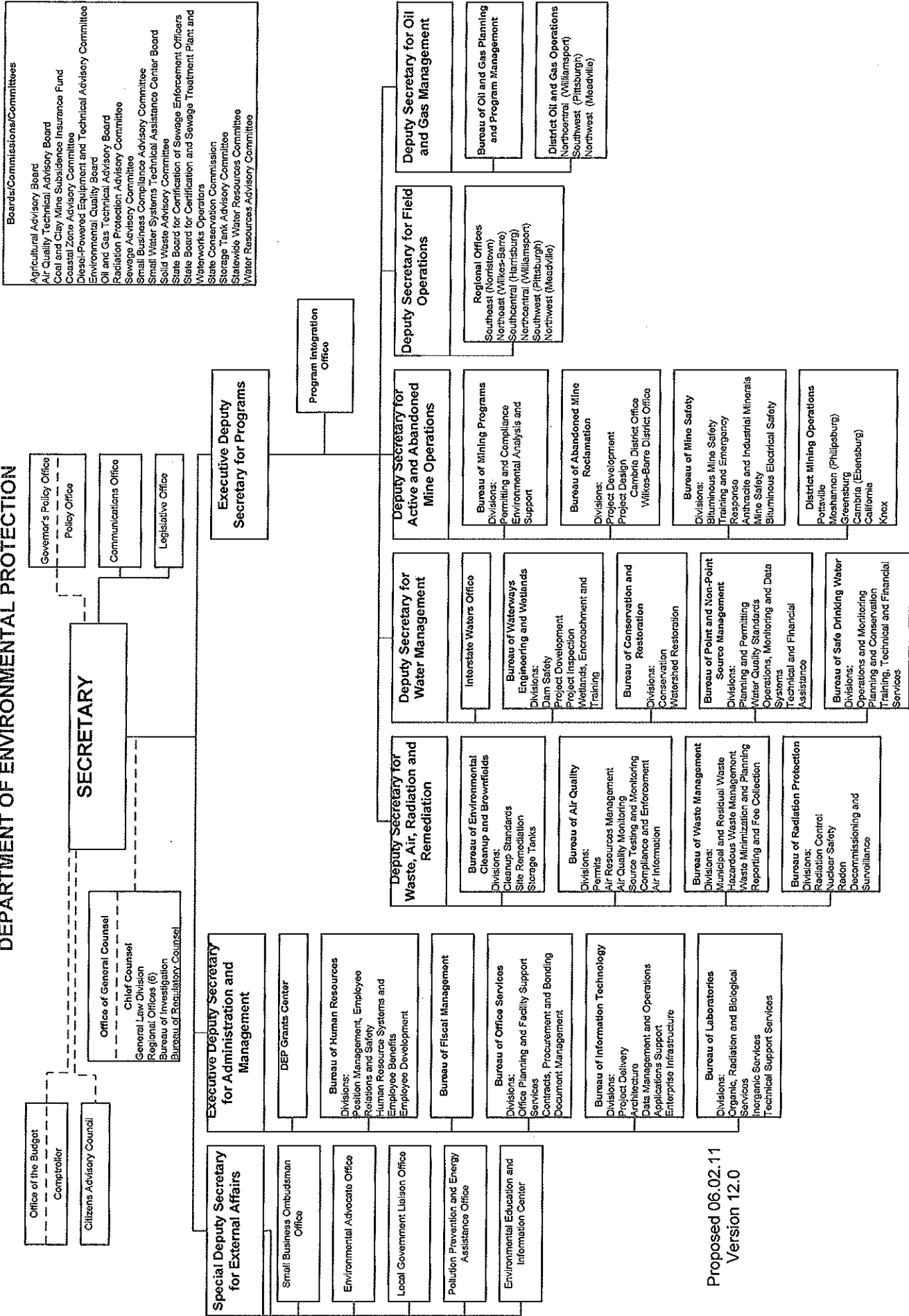
- Brownfield redevelopment is a priority of this Administration. The new structure ensures that all site remediation activities conducted under Pennsylvania's Land Recycling Program are closely coordinated, securing Pennsylvania's leadership in brownfields redevelopment. This new Bureau will allow DEP to incorporate all aspects of site cleanup under one structure to mirror environmental cleanup programs statewide.

Office of Program Integration:

- The new Office of Program Integration will develop and coordinate the implementation of initiatives and programs within the agency. This office will assist Field Operations by creating a consistent approach to statewide initiatives and policies.

For more information, visit www.depweb.state.pa.us.

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