

A RESOLUTION to re-authorize the Commission's Monitoring Advisory Committee.

WHEREAS, monitoring programs are vital for informed decision-making in water resources management; and

WHEREAS, the monitoring programs of numerous agencies and groups within the Delaware River Basin can be mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the need for coordination and mutual cooperation among the various monitoring programs within the Basin, by Resolution No. 99-25 in December of 1999 the Commission created a DRBC Monitoring Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Monitoring Advisory Committee has provided guidance and assistance to the Commission staff in planning and implementing the following programs:

- The "Boat Run" monitoring program, which samples at 22 stations in the tidal Delaware River and Delaware Bay;
- National Coastal Assessment Surveys;
- Tidal tributary monitoring in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania;
- Fish tissue monitoring in the tidal and non-tidal portions of the river;
- Air deposition monitoring adjacent to the tidal river; and
- The Scenic Rivers Monitoring Program in the Middle and Upper Delaware; and

WHEREAS, coordination of these valuable programs with monitoring activities of the Basin States and federal agencies, including the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Park Service, is essential to ensure optimum spatial and temporal coverage as well as efficient resource allocation; and

WHEREAS, the cooperation of the Monitoring Advisory Committee is particularly necessary in 2007 in conjunction with that of the Water Quality Advisory Committee for the development of nutrient criteria for the Delaware Estuary; and

WHEREAS, the need for coordination of monitoring activities within the Basin was cited repeatedly by participants in the Federal Coordination Summit held by the Commission on July 20, 2006 at the request of General William T. Grisoli, Commander of the North Atlantic Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who at the time served as Chair of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the ongoing importance of an advisory committee to maximize coordination and cooperation among the federal and state agencies and other organizations that conduct monitoring within the Basin; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware River Basin Commission:

1. The Monitoring Advisory Committee is hereby re-authorized with the same composition as provided by Resolution No. 99-25, which provides for one member each from:
  - State of Delaware
  - State of New Jersey
  - State of New York
  - Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - U.S. Geological Survey
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
  - National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
  - National Park Service
  - Academia
  - Agriculture (NRCS) / Forest Service
  - Delaware River Basin Fish & Wildlife Cooperative
  - Volunteer Monitoring
  - Regulated Community
  - Land Use Planning Community
2. The Executive Director shall appoint each member based upon recommendations of the signatory parties.
3. The committee will continue to review and offer recommendations for the improvement of basin monitoring activities, and will seek to enhance coordination among the parties with respect to monitoring programs and data sharing.
4. The committee will select its own chairperson and establish its own meeting procedures, with the proviso that its recommendations to the Commission should reflect consensus whenever possible.
5. The committee, its organization and assignment, shall terminate in five (5) years from the date of this resolution, unless it is renewed or extended prior thereto.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

/s/ Lt. Col. Gwen E. Baker

Lt. Col. Gwen E. Baker, Chair *pro tem*

/s/ Pamela M. Bush

Pamela M. Bush, Esquire, Commission Secretary

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