



Who to Call When Pollution Concerns in Allegheny County

Erosion & Sediment Concerns	Allegheny County Conservation District (E&S Program)
Agricultural Waste/Nutrient (Manure)	Allegheny County Conservation District (Nutrient Management Program)
Waterways, Wetlands & Floodways	DEP Water Management Program, Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands (Regional Complaints Program) or Allegheny County Conservation District
Chemical Pollution to Waterways	PA Fish & Boat Commission (Waterways Conservation Officer) and DEP Water Management Program, Bureau of Clean Water (Regional Complaints Program)
Dam Concerns	DEP Water Management Program (Regional Complaints Program)
Air Pollution	Allegheny County Health Department
Groundwater Concerns	DEP Water Management Program, Bureau of Clean Water (Regional Complaints Program)
Well or Water Supply Contamination	Municipality & Allegheny County Health Department
Floodplain Concerns	Municipality
Stormwater Runoff Concerns Not Associated with Construction	Municipality
Sewage/Septic Concerns (Private Residential)	Municipality and Allegheny County Health Department
Unpermitted Dumping of Household Waste	DEP Waste Management Program or Local Police
Littering/Dumping Waste in Waterway	PA Fish & Boat Commission (Waterways Conservation Officer) or DEP Waste Management Program or local police

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Mining Operations	DEP District Mining Operations (Surface Mine Conservation Inspector)
Unauthorized Stormwater Discharges into a PA Department of Transportation Right of Way	District 11 PennDOT Maintenance & Construction
Erosion & Sediment Pollution and Waterways, Wetlands & Floodway Concerns on a Mining Site	DEP District Mining Operations (Surface Mine Conservation Inspector)
Wildlife Concerns	PA Game Commission (Wildlife Conservation Officer) or PA Fish & Boat Commission (Waterways Conservation Officer)

Agency Telephone Numbers	
Allegheny County Conservation District	412-241-7645
Allegheny County Health Department	412-687-2243
Allegheny County Health Department (Air Pollution)	412-687-1143
District 11 PennDOT Maintenance & Construction	412-429-5000
PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Southwest Regional Complaints Program	412-442-4184
PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Greensburg District Mining Office	724-925-5517
PA Fish & Boat Commission's Southwest Regional Office	814-445-8974
PA Game Commission Southwest Regional Office	724-238-9523

** In the event of an emergency, contact 911 or local emergency number first **
Adapted from the PA Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Complaint Referral Chart

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Manure/Nutrient/Agricultural Wastes

All farming operations in Pennsylvania are required to have and implement a written Manure Management Plan or a higher level Nutrient Management Plan. These plans are designed to prevent runoff from manure spreading and manure storage/stacks from polluting surface and ground waters. Manure piles must be covered with a tarp if stacked in excess of 120 days and must be located 100 ft. or more away from surface waters. The district is responsible for investigating potential and actual instances of pollution resulting from livestock operations.

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Stream Work

Any work being done in a stream without a permit (all work within the floodway of a stream requires a permit). Streams without a FEMA defined 100-year floodplain study map has an assumed floodway of 50 feet from the top of the stream bank on both sides. A stream is anything with a defined bed and bank with perennial or intermittent flow. It does not have to run continuously. Floodplain is under municipality jurisdiction. DEP has jurisdiction within stream and floodway.

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Erosion and Sediment Controls

Any site with earth disturbance (regardless of size of disturbance) where E&S controls are not in place.

- Sites with any earth disturbance must have E&S controls in place
- Sites with earth disturbance greater than 5,000 sqft generally need a written E&S Plan in place.
- Sites with earth disturbance greater than 1 acre generally must have an NPDES permit which includes both a written E&S Plan and a Stormwater Plan.

Unauthorized Stormwater Discharges into a PennDOT ROW

It is illegal to discharge stormwater into a PennDOT ROW without permission from PennDOT.

Jurisdictional Dams

A jurisdictional dam is a dam located on a watercourse that:

- Has a drainage area greater than 100 acres or
- Has greater than 15' maximum depth or
- Has greater than 50 acre-feet maximum storage

OR

A jurisdictional dam is a dam located not on a watercourse that:

- Has greater than 15' maximum depth and
- Has greater than 50 acre-feet maximum storage