

The purpose of the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals is to promote environmental education, research, planning, assessment, review, and management through the formation and operation of a nonpolitical multidisciplinary professional society.



## PAEP Newsletter

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### Thoughts from the President...

Hello!

The days are shorter and the leaves are starting to change. I guess summer is gone and fall is here! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and you are ready for fall.

Mark your calendars for the 2009 Conference which will be back at the Ramada Inn in State College, May 13-15, 2009. Next years conference theme is "*The Future is Now . . .*" The conference committee is in full swing with monthly meetings. If you would like to get involved or have ideas for the conference let Mike Parent or Tim Tuttle know or just send an email to [info@paep.org](mailto:info@paep.org).

Speaking of conference planning, Jeanmarie Kline has resigned as our conference planner. We'll miss her, but her replacement Keith McNally brings a wealth of experience and energy to the position.

It's great to see the Western Section starting their PAEP at PHIPPS, Happy Hour with a Purpose monthly series. Check out the website for more details about their up coming events.

The Eastern Section is in need of a section chairperson (or co-chairpersons). The section has been very active in the past with section events and they put on a great conference this year. If you would be interested or know of someone who may be let me know. It really isn't a lot of work and can be very rewarding.

One last thing, as the year draws to a close, start thinking about running for the Board of Directors. Everyone always says "If I was in charge we'd do it differently"...well here's your chance to make a difference in your organization. The call for nominations will be sent out in November, so if you're interested get involved!

Enjoy the fall leaves and football season. Keep your eyes open for section events and as always if you have comments or ideas let us know. You can send your ideas to me or to the PAEP account [info@paep.org](mailto:info@paep.org).

Thanks  
Jason Minnich

# Karl Mason Project

The Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP) presented the 2008 Karl Mason Awards during their Annual Conference on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at the Holiday Inn, Grantville. The 2008 awards were presented to Terry A. Rightnour, a noted Pennsylvania Environmental Professional who received the award in the individual category, and Lebanon County Commissioner Jo Ellen Litz, who accepted the award on behalf of The Pennsylvania Association of Resource, Conservation and Development Councils, recipients of the award in the organization/project category.

## Who is Karl Mason and what is the Karl Mason Award?

Karl Mason served as Pennsylvania's first State Environmental Administrator from 1952 until his death in 1966. Karl's holistic vision of environmental management set the pattern for the state to this day. Karl believed and put into practice the notion that environmental protection is primarily the business of professionals who have the skills by virtue of their scientific training to manage the technical and scientific complexities of maintaining a safe, healthy and clean environment.

**The Award** was created to commemorate his vision of a strong, well-managed environmental program. Stewardship of the Karl Mason Award rests with PAEP, but anyone may submit a nomination to the Association.

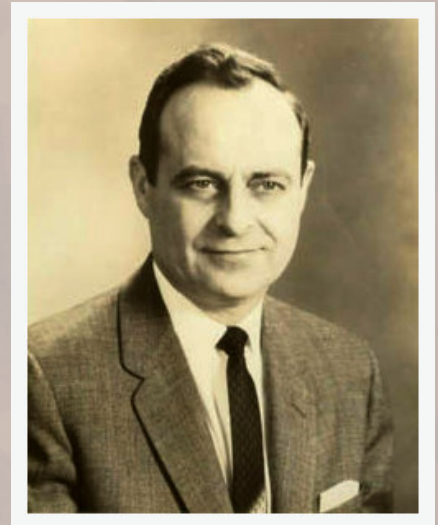
**The Award** is given to a Pennsylvania person, organization, or project that has made a significant contribution to the betterment of Pennsylvania's environment, exemplifying Karl Mason's vision.

**PAEP** continues to maintain stewardship of the Karl Mason Award. Each year, at the PAEP Annual Meeting and Conference the Karl Mason Award is presented to meritorious nominees selected by the Board from two general categories:

- An Individual who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in the field of environmental management.
- An organization, project or program that has made a significant contribution toward maintenance or restoration of Pennsylvania's Environmental Quality

Nominations will be accepted until **March 31st, 2009**. Nominations should include a complete concise description of the individual, organization, project or program, specifically outlining the accomplishments and/or attributes warranting this prestigious recognition. Please forward entries (e-mail preferred) to:

**PAEP**  
**174 Crestview Drive**  
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## Save The Date...

*NAEP 34th Annual Conference  
May 3-6, 2009– Scottsdale, AZ  
Visit [www.naep.org](http://www.naep.org) for more information*

*PAEP 2009 Annual Conference  
May 13-15, 2009– State College, PA  
“The Future is Now...”*



## Miles and Miles...

### Committee Updates

#### Membership Committee

The membership committee has been very active at attempting to promote the organization, develop new members, and gaining exposure for our individual and corporate members. We could use some help. If you would be interested in spotlighting your company or personnel, please contact Mr. Brian Oram at [brian.oram@wilkes.edu](mailto:brian.oram@wilkes.edu). Regarding our efforts to reach out to local colleges and universities, we are making progress. If you or your organization has ideas on how to promote the organization and membership in the organization, please feel free to contact Mr. Brian Oram.

#### Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is looking for help from our corporate members to develop a standard protocol for the preparation and submission of press releases and other related items to help promote the Association. The chairperson of the committee is a geologist and soil scientist and not a marketing specialists - We really could use your help. We are not asking for individuals to join the committee, but you are welcome to join. At this point, the Committee is looking for the following from our corporate members:

- a. examples of press releases;
- b. listing of email addresses and contract persons for press release submission; and
- c. any ideas about marketing and promoting the Association.



# Section Updates

## Central Section

### Family Picnic

The Central Section held a family picnic on Saturday, August 2, 2008 at a pavilion at Gifford Pinchot State Park in York County. Attendees enjoyed grilled food and shared covered dishes and other goodies. A good time was had by all, and the passing rain shower late in the event couldn't put a damper on the fun. Competition was fierce in horseshoes, ladder golf, and beanbag tossing (for the kids). Hopefully those who couldn't make it this year will come to the picnic next year!

### Central Section Holiday Social

The Central Section will be holding its annual Holiday Social again in December at the Appalachian Brewing Company on Cameron Street in Harrisburg. Keep a look out for more information that will be coming in November about this fun event!



Photo above: Jason Minnich's son, Bryson (left) and Virginia Bailey's son, Gage (right)

## Western Section

PAEP Western Section has begun a program series at Phipps Conservatory in the Oakland Section of Pittsburgh.

This series features a presentation on the second Friday of each month at Café Phipps within the Conservatory's Welcome Center. Each program will begin with a social hour at 4:30 PM. The featured speaker of the month will present at 5:30 PM. You can check out each month's featured speaker on the PAEP website under the Programs Section of the website ([www.paep.org](http://www.paep.org)).

October 10th speaker: Marcia Haberman U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District – Post Rapanos Implications and Jurisdictional Determinations.

November 14th speaker: Dr. Conrad (Dan) Volz – The Allegheny River Stewardship Project: Building Science on Community Participation.

December 12th speaker: Representative of Phipps Conservatory – A discussion on the holiday displays. (Also PAEP Holiday Social).

### Noteworthy:

- No registration fee or pre-registration required
- Free parking
- Free appetizers
- Cash bar with Happy Hour Specials
- Door prizes

Please contact Tammy Sherwin or Kelly Eismont at 412-262-5400 for addition information or interest in participating on the Western Section Program Committee.

## Eastern Section

The Eastern Section is in need of a section chairperson (or co-chairpersons). If you are interested in fulfilling this role, please contact PAEP President Jason Minnich at 717-705-4752 or [jaminnich@state.pa.us](mailto:jaminnich@state.pa.us).

## See What's New...

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) Environmental Quality Assurance Division (EQAD) has recently updated several of its handbooks. The updated handbooks include:



- Publication No. 24: Traffic Noise Handbook (2007)
- Publication No. 281: Waste Site Evaluation Procedures (May 2008)
- Publication No. 295: Public Involvement (August 2008)
- Publication No. 321: Project Level Air Quality Handbook (March 2008)
- Publication No. 349: Section 4(f) Evaluations (August 2008)

In addition to these updates, EQAD developed a desk reference in March 2008 to address Indirect and Cumulative Effects (ICE). The ICE Desk Reference was published as Publication No. 640. All of these documents are available electronically through PennDOT's Publications and Forms website (<http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Internet/Bureaus/pdBOS.nsf/FormsAndPubsHomePage?OpenFrameSet>), and in hard copy through PennDOT's Sales Store (<ftp://ftp.dot.state.pa.us/public/PubsForms/Publications/PUB%2012.pdf>).

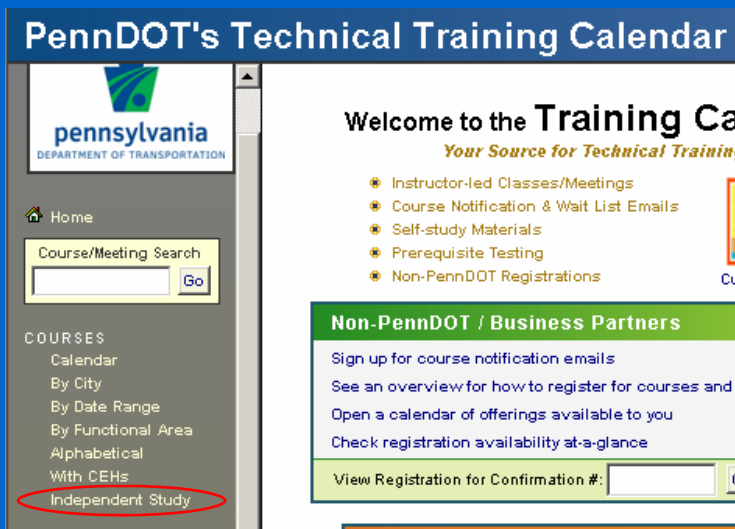
Other handbooks currently being drafted or revised include Design Manual 1 and 1A and the Transportation Project Development Process Handbook, which will incorporate/integrate the existing EIS, EA, and CEE Handbooks into a single document.

The Joint Permit Application (JPA) Expert System is a web-based system that assists PennDOT and its partners in preparing applications for **Chapter 105 permits**. JPA2 is now **required** for projects involving these permits.

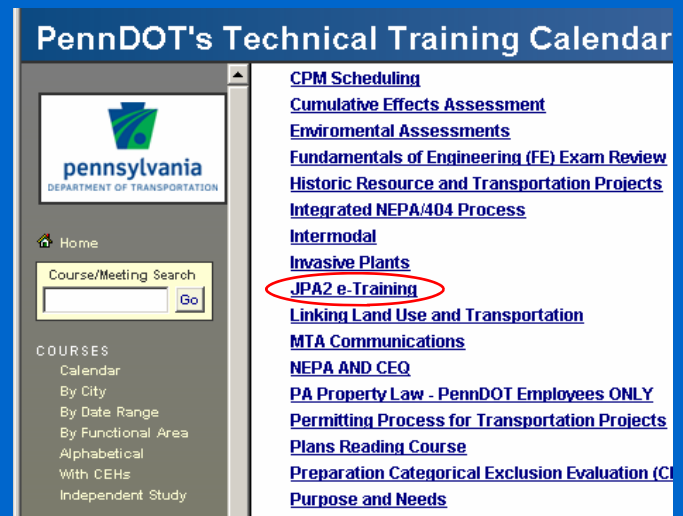
To learn how to use the system, watch the 90 minute e-Training video by following these four easy steps!

# JPA2 e-Training

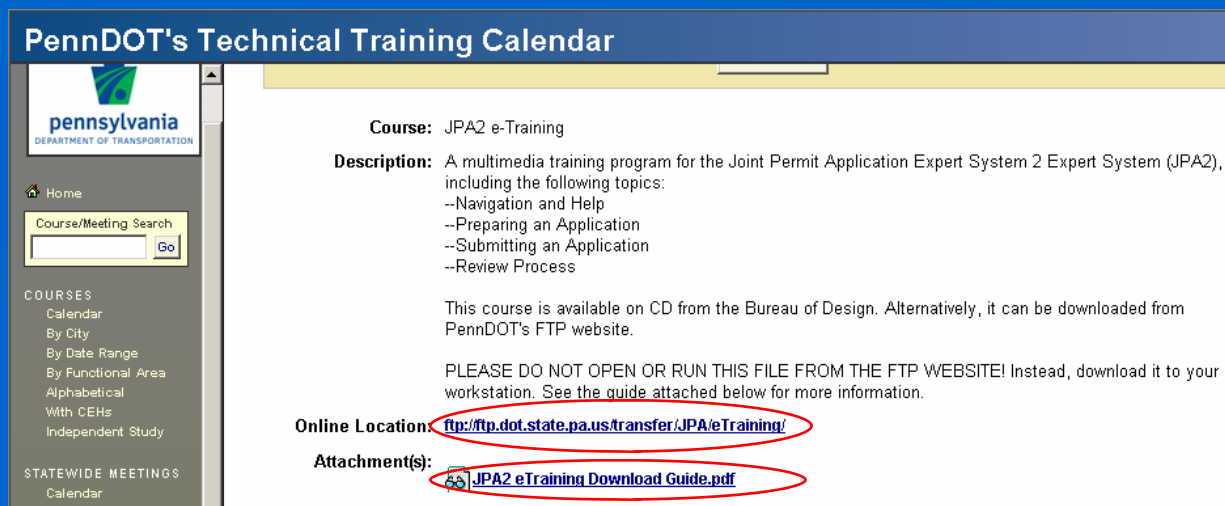
**STEP 1:** Go To PennDOT's Technical Training Calendar: [www.dot.state.pa.us/tc](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/tc)



**STEP 2:** Click on the 'Independent Study' link on the left menu. A list of study materials available will be displayed.



**STEP 3:** Click on the 'JPA2 e-Training' link. You will be able to access the PDF file and the FTP site location for the e-Training zip file.



**STEP 4:** Open the PDF file 'JPA2 e-Training Download Guide' for instructions on downloading the training video from PennDOT's FTP site.

**Upon completion of the e-Training you will be able to:** 1) generate various types of permit applications, 2) record and update project level information, 3) control access to the permit application documents, and 4) generate, complete, and submit an application package.