

Regional Permit Coordination Office (RPCO)

Overall Mission:

A centralized office to provide synchronized and consistent reviews and approvals for general to complex projects regulated under Chapter 102 and Chapter 105.

Regional:

RPCO provides technical support on Chapter 102 and Chapter 105 permitting in conjunction with established bureau personnel.

Permit:

Reviews and approves permit applications and their companion plans (Chapters 102 and 105) for general to complex projects*. This may include multi-county/multi-regional projects, FERC regulated projects, and projects with complex engineering/geologic considerations.

Coordination:

Assists with cross-program coordination with the various Departmental Programs that have authority to process permits/authorizations under Chapter 102 and Chapter 105 (e.g. Regional Offices, Oil & Gas, Dam Safety, Flood Protection, Mining, Conservation Districts).

****Note:** the types of projects to be reviewed by RPCO as well as an organizational chart are laid out in a *RPCO Transfer of Responsibility Memo* dated December 19, 2018. This is available upon request.

Contact:

We have established a main contact for requesting technical assistance from RPCO, or for questions regarding permitting jurisdiction between regions and RPCO which are not already clearly laid out in the *RPCO Transfer of Responsibility Memo*.

Please coordinate all contacts of this nature through Andrew Foley, Water Program Specialist. Mr. Foley will then coordinate with the appropriate RPCO and/or bureau staff as necessary. You can reach Mr. Foley at 484-250-2813 or anfoley@pa.gov.

RPCO is currently also preparing an FAQ document which will be distributed in the near future. If you or your staff have questions regarding RPCO that aren't addressed above, please collect those questions within your district/region and send in one document to Mr. Foley for consideration and incorporation into our FAQ by March 29, 2019 (questions received after this date may be incorporated into a future update of the FAQ document).