Think Green - Because we work where we live!

PennDOT has pledged to follow internationally recognized criteria to better manage its environmental practices. Our Engineering Districts are ISO 14001 registered to the international standard for environmental performance for:

- Stockpiles and Garages
- Winter Services
- Roadway Maintenance Activities
- Pittsburgh Tunnel Operations

Because you provide services to PennDOT, we are sending you this Environmental Briefing to inform you of our environmental program and how this affects you.

We must all be aware of how our work affects the environment and we must all do our part to protect the environment as we do our work.

PennDOT employees:

- Plan work activities to protect the environment
- Do work following Sound Environmental Practices

PennDOT SEMP
Strategic Environmental Management Program
Work Partners Environmental Briefing Information
(Contractors, Vendors, Agility Partners, and Suppliers)
PennDot’s program to protect the environment is called SEMP, the Strategic Environmental Management Program, which is in accordance with the ISO 14001:2004 standard.

SEMP is based on existing PennDOT programs and requirements with a goal of protecting and conserving our resources, leaving a legacy of better conditions for future generations and serving our families and all PennDOT customers.

As part of SEMP, PENNDOT has established an environmental policy called the GREEN PLAN POLICY.

The Green Plan Policy can be found at [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us) and is posted at the County and District Offices.

The Key principles of the Green Plan Policy are:

1. PROTECT the environment
2. CONSERVE resources
3. COMPLY with environmental laws and regulations

The nature of the contractor activities is such that contractor personnel have significant potential to affect the environmental performance and regulatory compliance of the Department. As such, Contractors, Suppliers, Agility Partners, Vendors or any persons performing work or services for PennDOT are expected to understand how their work can affect the environment and to ensure their employees and any subcontractors follow sound environmental practices to protect the environment by:

- Planning your work to protect the environment
- Performing your work according to these plans

You should evaluate your operations to ensure:

- Proper labeling, storage, and disposal of all environmentally sensitive material/waste used on-site or at the job location.
- Discharges to drains and/or sewers are not allowed without approval from PennDOT.
- Adequate provision for spill release prevention. Spills and other releases to the environment must be reported immediately to the Foreman in charge.
- Spills are cleaned up immediately and materials disposed of properly.
- Compliance with erosion and sedimentation control plans.
- Competency of your employees through training.

This will not only help the environment, protect your employees and the public, but will also save your organization time and money.

If you have an environmental concern, please contact PennDOT District 11 at:

412-429-4905

Additional information regarding PennDOT’s SEMP initiative can be found on our website at [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us):
Click on PennDOT Organizations; Click on Engineering Districts & County Maintenance Organizations; Click on District 11; Click on PennDOT services by unit and then click Environmental.