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**FYI**

**BRAIN DRAIN VERSUS BRAIN GAIN** – 10/8/03 **What new demographic data tell us about who's moving where -- and what that means to Pennsylvania's future** - IssuesPA has taken a look at new demographic data showing a net loss of population across most age groups – but especially among Pennsylvanians age 20-29. Should the state try harder to keep the people it has? Or should the state try harder to attract people into Pennsylvania? The answer is: YES. Follow the links below to read two new IssuesPA articles about domestic migration. Read [Pennsylvanians on the Move? Yes, but...](#) and [Young Talent Needed in Pennsylvania](#)

**DEP AND AGRICULTURE REMIND FARMERS AND BUSINESS TO REGISTER WATER USE** – 10/6/03 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary Kathleen A. McGinty and Department of Agriculture (PDA) Secretary Dennis Wolff reminded farmers and businesses to register their water use under the state's new Water Resources Planning Act (Act 220 of 2002) to help make Pennsylvania a leader in water resource management and Conservation.

Act 220 requires DEP to develop a State Water Plan over the next five years. The plan has not been updated in more than 25 years. Not only will the plan protect the environment and keep residents healthy, but it also will help to fuel the economy.

The Water Resources Planning Act requires public water supply agencies, hydropower facilities and individuals who withdraw or use more than 10,000 gallons of water per day over any 30-day period to register their withdrawal and use by March 16, 2004. Individual homes, which typically use less than 300 gallons per day, would not be required to register. Users of fewer than 10,000 gallons per day are encouraged to register voluntarily to help DEP get the complete water resources picture.

For more information on Act 220, or to download registration forms, visit the PA PowerPort at [www.state.pa.us](http://www.state.pa.us), Keyword: "DEP Water Management."

**TOOLBOX FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS** – The Local Government Environmental Assistance Network has provided this toolbox as a resource to assist local government officials in their efforts to protect the environment and public health. Opening each drawer provides users with access to a variety of tools in a particular area of concern to local governments. The tools (interactive software or documents that require user input) are designed to help users perform operations and calculations necessary to fulfill environmental reporting requirements or guide the development of a helpful environmental program. Resource: <http://www.lgean.org/html/toolbox.cfm>

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES BREAKFAST** - The Lancaster Chamber will hold it's Annual Legislative Issues Breakfast on **Thursday, October 16 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.** in the Woods Room at the F&M Sports Complex. Local representatives and senators will be seated at attendees' tables to provide opportunities for dialogue about issues relevant to Lancaster's business community. A panel discussion will follow breakfast during which you will hear from each delegate on issues such as healthcare, education, transportation, workforce development and inter-municipal cooperation. To ensure your questions and concerns are addressed a question and answer series will follow the delegates' presentations. [To register.](#)

**Interesting websites:**  
[Governor's Center for Local Government Services](#)

[Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development](#)

[Sustainable Communities Network](#)

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