

Office of Water Programs
Bureau of Safe Drinking Water

Professional Engineering Services (PES) PROGRAM



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The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to offer free professional engineering assistance to small and medium-sized (serving 10,000 persons or less) public community and non-profit non-community water systems through the PES program. DEP's Capability Enhancement Program oversees the PES Program and will be evaluating systems for inclusion in the PES program.

The PES program can assist small and medium-sized drinking water systems with the following tasks when in support of a capital improvements project or consolidation with another system:

- Investigations to determine the cause of system technical issues;
- Feasibility studies to determine the most feasible and cost-effective solution to addressing system technical problems;
- Design work related to public water system facilities;
- Construction and operational permit applications;
- Preparation of funding applications for public water system construction projects; and
- Construction bid preparation and construction contractor procurement assistance.

The PES program cannot provide funding for:

- Construction projects
- Permit application fees
- Compliance monitoring

Water systems are accepted into the program based upon their commitment to address the technical, managerial and financial capability weaknesses of the system; their commitment to follow through with constructing the project that was designed by the PES program; and their willingness to budget resources to sustain the designed project after construction.

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