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Auditor General DePasquale to Audit Delaware, Susquehanna River Basin Commissions

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today said he is immediately starting the department’s first-ever audits of the [Delaware River Basin Commission](#) and the [Susquehanna River Basin Commission](#).

“I look forward to working cooperatively with the Delaware and Susquehanna River Basin Commissions to identify any problems, concerns, or weaknesses and develop workable solutions,” DePasquale said during a news conference launching the two audits.

“My team will conduct comprehensive examinations of the river basin commissions and report back to the public and the General Assembly this summer.”

The two separate audits will be conducted simultaneously, focusing on six objectives specified in the state fiscal code (Act 44 of 2017), which mandated the audits review:

- The cost of salaries, benefits and other compensation provided to the officers and employees of the commission.
- The cost of expense reimbursements provided to the officers and employees of the commission.
- Other fixed and variable costs of the commission.
- The potential for improved efficiencies and overall cost reductions, including an analysis of duplication of commonwealth efforts and the ability to share equipment, services or personnel with commonwealth and local agencies.
- Contributions to the commission by the commonwealth or any person within this commonwealth, whether via appropriations, fees, penalties or otherwise, in comparison to other signatory parties.
- The impact of the fees and penalties of the commission on public and private entities within the commonwealth.

The audits will cover July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 and are expected to be completed this summer.

The Delaware and Susquehanna River Basin Commissions are interstate compacts charged with preserving water supply and quality, managing drought and flood condition, and preserving water-related recreational opportunities.

Auditor General DePasquale posts all audit reports, along with his travel expenses and the agency’s monthly expenses, online at: www.PaAuditor.gov.

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