

**PCEE Director Presents Program Up-Date to
Members of the Joint Conservation Committee of the Pennsylvania Legislature**

Live interview posted on environmental web site.

SLIPPERY ROCK, PA – February 1, 2008 – Kathleen Paul, Director of the Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education (PCEE), presented an up-date on the activities and programs of the Center to legislators and others at the January 14 Environmental Issues Forum of the PA Joint Legislative Conservation Committee in Harrisburg. In her presentation, Ms. Paul highlighted the many services available on the PCEE website (www.pcee.org), as well as the focus on educational resources available to teachers. Many of these resources are directly linked to the PA Environment & Ecology standards that will be included in the PSSA assessments this spring. As a follow-up to the presentation, Ms. Paul will be working with the Committee to find ways to make PCEE's resources more readily available to legislators and their constituents.

The PA Joint Legislative Conservation Committee is chaired by Rep. Scott E. Hutchinson (R-64th District, Venango/Butler) and vice-chaired by Sen. Raphael J. Musto (D-14th District, Luzerne/Carbon/Monroe). The Environmental Issues Forums are public conferences at which guest speakers present information on selected topics of interest related to the Committee's mission. The forums are held on legislative session days in the Capitol and are normally conducted once a month in those months in which the General Assembly is in session.

A follow-up online interview of Ms. Paul may be viewed at <http://paenvirodigestvideo.blogspot.com/2008/01/kathleen-paul-talks-about-services.html>. The interview was conducted by David Hess, editor of the PA Environment Digest online newsletter. Hess was Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection from 2001 – 2003 and is currently Director of Policy and Communications of the Harrisburg-based government and public affairs firm, Crisci Associates.

About PCEE: The Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education (PCEE) was created by Executive Order of the Governor in 1997 to “provide an avenue for increased participation by educators, local officials, citizen and non-profit groups, business and industry as partners in the implementation of quality environmental education on a state-wide basis.” Administered by the PA State System of Higher Education, PCEE is housed at Slippery Rock University.

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