Pennsylvania must invest tens of billions of dollars to upgrade its current infrastructure to meet state and federal regulations designed to protect the environment and address issues critical to public health and safety. Ignoring the problems could result in:

- Loss of life
- Loss of quality of life
- Adverse environmental impact
- Stalled economic development
- Significantly increased user fees
- EPA-mandated fines and penalties

ACEC/PA asks all state and local governmental candidates to include the following key guidelines when developing public policy.

- Balance economic development and environmental protection (see the Commonwealth’s Keystone Principles for Growth, Investment & Resource Conservation (October 2005)).
- Promote energy conservation, renewable energy, and environmental sustainability initiatives.
- Support environmentally sound development of the Marcellus Shale gas reserves.
- Develop mechanisms to fund critical water infrastructure. The Governor’s Sustainable Infrastructure Task Force identifies the cost at $113 billion over next 20 years (November 2008).
- Provide funding to communities facing the Chesapeake Bay Strategy requirements. Capital investments are estimated at over $1.4 billion (not including annual O&M) (PA Legislative Finance and Budget Committee, November 2008).
- Provide funding for eliminating combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs).
- Support programs addressing acid mine drainage (AMD) cleanup and funding. Pursue fair funding through the federal Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Program for Pennsylvania.
- Obtain sustainable funding for the Hazardous Site Cleanup Act (HSCA) (Act 77 of 2007).
- Support funding programs to rehabilitate high hazard dams in the Commonwealth.
- Support innovative programs such as Growing Greener, Brownfield Redevelopment, and clean/green energy initiatives.
- Develop Public-Private-Partnerships (P3) legislation for funding construction and operations of water/sewer projects.
- Continue to support Smart Transportation efforts, allowing PA to continue as a leader in the innovative implementation of NEPA into our transportation projects.

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