



Public Hearing: Biosolids Management - Protecting Affordability

The purpose of this hearing is to examine biosolids management and impacts on businesses and ratepayers.

October 15, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Hearing Overview

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Welcome**
- **Opening Remarks**
 - Chairman David H. Rowe
 - State Representative Jim Rigby
 - President John N. McKeegan, J.D.
- **Testimony from Invited Experts**
- **Member Discussion with Testifiers**
- **Closing Comments & Adjournment**

Testifiers -

- **Julia Galliker**, Executive Vice President, Galliker Dairy Company
- **Jill Whitcomb**, Deputy Secretary, Office of Water Programs, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- **Peter Price**, Technical Services Manager, Synagro
- **Andrew Moore**, Director of Plant Operations, Lehigh County Authority
- **John Larson**, Executive Director, Chalfont New Britain Township Joint Sewer Authority
- **Ned Lang**, President, PA Septage Management Association

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About the Testifiers



Julia Galliker

Julia Galliker serves as Executive Vice President of Galliker Dairy Company, a family-owned business based in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The company produces and distributes dairy products, ice cream, and beverages throughout the region. She helps lead the company's operations and uphold its longstanding commitment to quality and service.



Jill Whitcomb

Jill Whitcomb oversees Pennsylvania's water programs, including initiatives focused on water quality, drinking water protection, and watershed restoration. She previously held leadership positions within DEP's watershed and Chesapeake Bay programs. She holds a master's degree in Environmental Pollution Control from Penn State University and a bachelor's degree in Biology from Lebanon Valley College.



Peter Price

Peter Price serves as Technical Services Manager for Pennsylvania at Synagro, a provider of environmental services specializing in wastewater and biosolids management. He supports the technical aspects of biosolids management, including regulatory compliance and the responsible reuse of nutrient-rich materials. Price has represented Synagro in Pennsylvania legislative discussions regarding environmental practices and biosolids management.



Andrew Moore

Andrew Moore serves as Director of Plant Operations for the Lehigh County Authority, a public water and wastewater utility serving communities in the Lehigh Valley region of Pennsylvania. In this role, he helps oversee the operation and maintenance of water and wastewater treatment facilities, supporting reliable service, regulatory compliance, and the protection of public health and the environment.



John Larson

John Larson serves as Executive Director of the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewer Authority in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. In this role, he oversees the authority's wastewater collection and treatment operations, helping ensure reliable service, regulatory compliance, and environmental protection. His work supports the infrastructure and services necessary to protect public health and maintain water quality for the communities served by the authority.



Ned Lang

Ned Lang serves as President of the Pennsylvania Septage Management Association (PSMA), an organization representing professionals in the septage management industry across the Commonwealth. The association promotes responsible waste management practices, regulatory compliance, and education for industry professionals. In his leadership role, Lang helps advance the interests of septage haulers and service providers while supporting the protection of public health and Pennsylvania's water resources.

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