

# The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Southeast Regional Office

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## About the Building

The SERO is the Commonwealth's seventh green building. The Rendell Administration is committed to promoting high performance green buildings that are friendly to both their occupants and the environment. They use less water and electricity than conventional buildings, use environmentally friendly and recycled construction materials, and provide high indoor air quality conducive to better health and productivity while, at the same time, reducing annual building operating costs.

## What Makes This Building Green

A green building is one that has been sited, designed, constructed and operated to provide a healthy environment for its occupants and minimize its impact on the environment.

Here are some of the ways DEP's new headquarters helps the environment:

- A 5,000-gallon cistern located in the four-story landscaped atrium collects rainwater from roof drains, which is then used to flush toilets. This system, combined with waterless urinals and other low-flow plumbing fixtures, is expected to enable the building to use 58 percent less potable water (313,000 gallons a year, down from 750,000 gallons), compared to a similarly sized non-green building.
- Designed to reduce energy costs from \$1.12 per square foot to \$0.72 per square foot, the result of highly efficient heating and cooling systems, lighting designs, insulation and windows.
- More than 20 percent of the building materials, by cost, contain recycled content.
- More than 50 percent of the building materials were manufactured locally.
- Use of recycled structural steel, furniture partition fabric made from recycled plastic soda bottles, floor tiles made from recycled rubber and glass, and paint containing low volatile organic compounds.

## To Schedule a Tour

If your organization is interested in touring the building, please call 484-250-5940

## Who We Are

The 85,000-square foot SERO is home to approximately 300 employees, who oversee air quality, emergency response, environmental cleanups, waste management, water supply and water management, radiation protection, and waste management programs in the five-county area (Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery).

Investigations, inspections, permitting, compliance assistance, enforcement and 24-hour emergency response are just some of the important activities handled by regional staff members, who have dedicated their careers to public service.

## Important Phone Numbers

- Main Switchboard and to report environmental emergencies 24-hours a day: **484-250-5900**
- Environmental complaints: **484-250-5991**



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