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**RFAC Meeting:
Background and
Expectations**

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Regulated Flow Advisory
Committee (RFAC)
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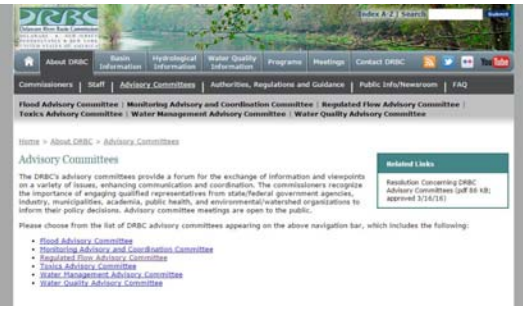
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Introduction to Today's Committee Meeting

- DRBC Advisory Committees
- What is Regulated Flow?
- RFAC Purpose and Members
- DRBC and Parties to the 1954 Supreme Court Decree.
- Committee meeting expectations
- Water: a national conversation



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DRBC Advisory Committees

- Flood Advisory Committee (FAC)
- Monitoring Advisory and Coordination Committee (MACC)
- **Regulated Flow Advisory Committee (RFAC)**
- Toxics Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC)
- Water Quality Advisory Committee (WQAC)

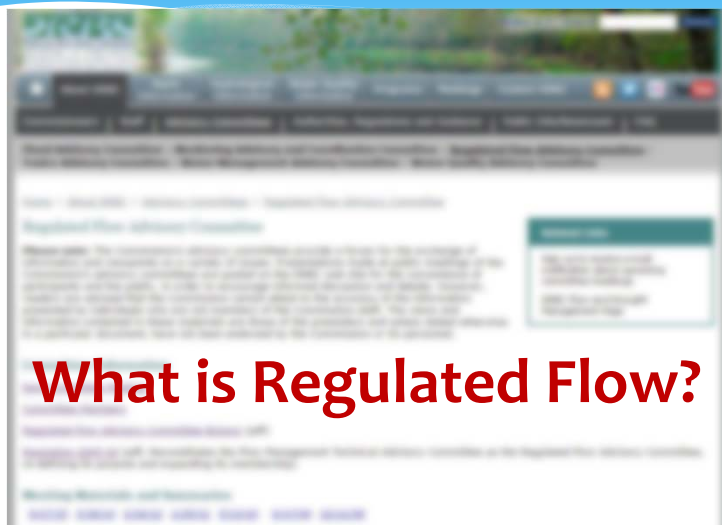


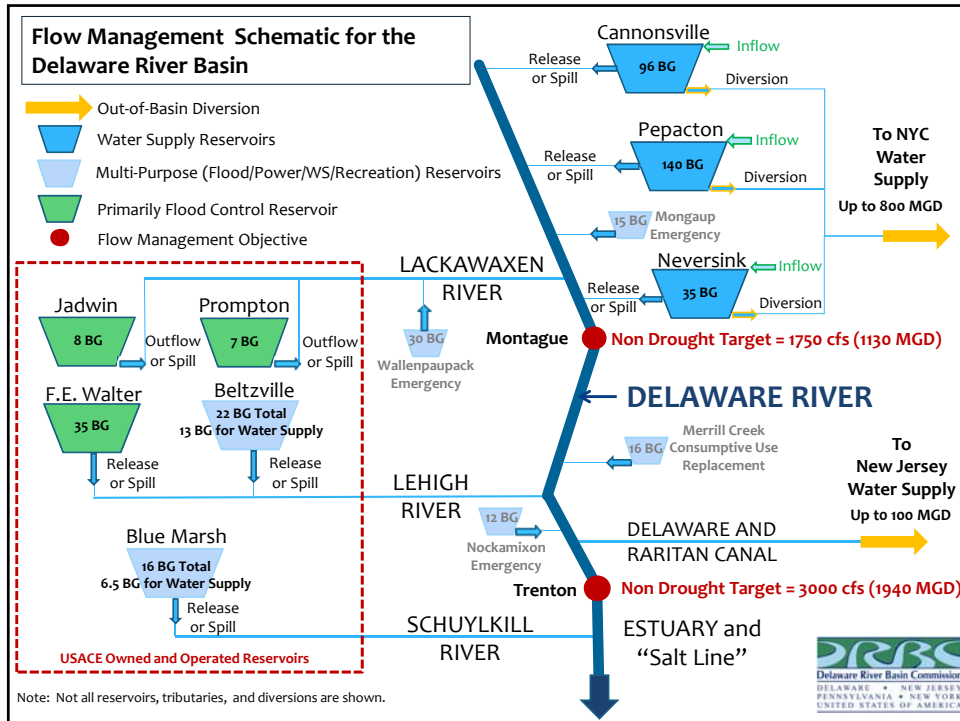
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Regulated Flow Advisory Committee (RFAC)

The screenshot shows the DRBC website page for the Regulated Flow Advisory Committee (RFAC). The page features a navigation menu with links for About DRBC, Basin Information, Hydrological Information, Water Quality Information, Programs, Meetings, Contact DRBC, and social media icons. Below the navigation menu, there are links for Commissioners, Staff, Advisory Committees, Authorities, Regulations and Guidance, Public Info/Newsroom, and FAQ. The main content area includes a breadcrumb trail: Home > About DRBC > Advisory Committees > Regulated Flow Advisory Committee. The page title is "Regulated Flow Advisory Committee". A "Please note" section states: "The Commission's advisory committees provide a forum for the exchange of information and viewpoints on a variety of issues. Presentations made at public meetings of the Commission's advisory committees are posted on the DRBC web site for the convenience of participants and the public, in order to encourage informed discussion and debate. However, readers are advised that the Commission cannot attest to the accuracy of the information presented by individuals who are not members of the Commission staff. The views and information contained in these materials are those of the presenters and unless stated otherwise in a particular document, have not been endorsed by the Commission or its personnel." Below this, there is a "Committee Information" section with links for "Next Committee Meeting" and "Committee Members". A link for "Regulated Flow Advisory Committee Bylaws (pdf)" is also present. A "Resolution 2005-18 (pdf)" section states: "Reconstitutes the Flow Management Technical Advisory Committee as the Regulated Flow Advisory Committee, re-defining its purpose and expanding its membership". Finally, a "Meeting Materials and Summaries" section lists dates: 4/17/15, 2/18/13, 2/16/12, 1/25/11, 5/13/10, 6/17/09, 12/11/08. A "Related Links" box on the right contains links for "Sign up to receive e-mail notification about upcoming committee meetings" and "DRBC Flow and Drought Management Page".

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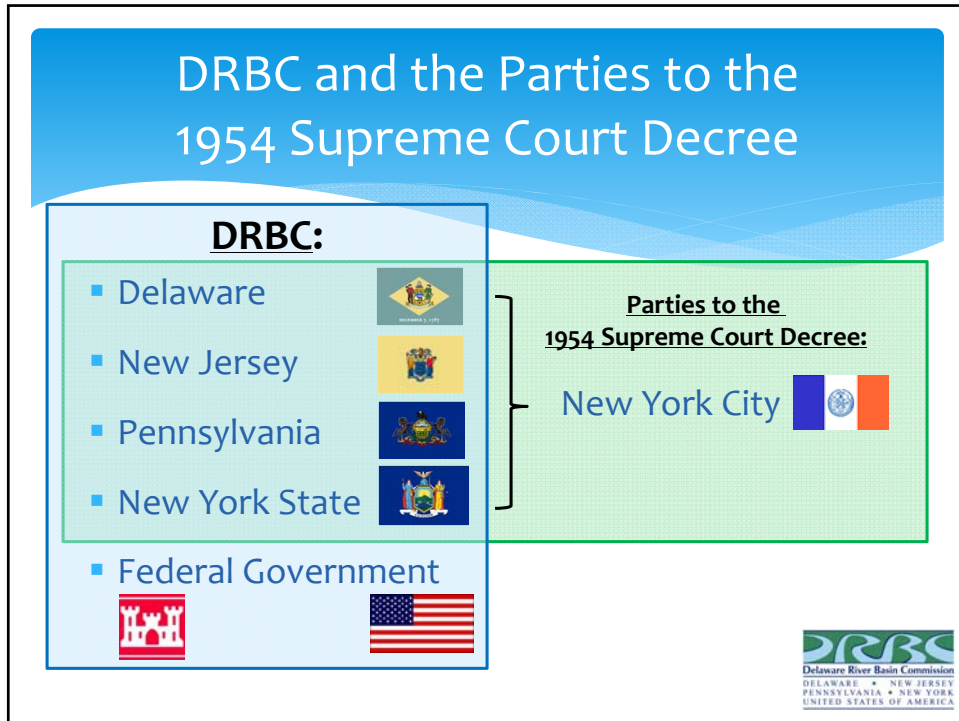
RFAC Purpose

- Advising the Commission about the views of... interest groups and other resource management agencies, in addition to those of the Decree Party representatives, with respect to diversions and releases from and flows regulated by the **Cannonsville, Pepacton, Neversink, Merrill Creek, Blue Marsh, F.E. Walter, Beltzville and Nockamixon reservoirs, Lake Wallenpaupack and the hydropower reservoirs on the Mongaup River** (“Regulated Flows”);
- Providing a public forum for discussion ... on flow management issues **throughout the Basin;**
- Disseminating ... information and increasing the participants’ understanding of operational and legal constraints and opportunities; and



RFAC Members (by DRBC Resolution)

<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>No. of Members</i>	<i>Committee Members</i>
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	1	Hoss Liaghat (Chair), PADEP
City of Philadelphia	1	Kelly Anderson, PWD
State of New York	1	Brenan TARRIER, NYDEC
City of New York	1	Jen Garigliano, NYCDEP
Delaware River Master (USGS)	1	Marie Owens, USGS
US Army Corps of Engineers	1	Laura Bittner, USACE
State of Delaware	2	Stephanie Baxter, DGS William Cocke, DNREC
State of New Jersey	2	Joseph Miri, NJDEP Steve Domber, NJDEP



Committee Meeting Expectations

- **This is:**
 - A DRBC RFAC Committee Meeting
 - *Providing a public forum for discussion ... on flow management issues throughout the Basin;*
- **This is:**
 - ✓ NOT a public hearing on the FFMP or Decree Party Matters.
 - ✓ NOT a negotiation session between the Decree Party representatives and interested stakeholders and individuals.
 - ✓ NOT a negotiation session between the various Decree Party representatives.
 - ✓ NOT a model for future committee meetings.



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National Perspectives and Priorities

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The White House Water Summit
March 22, 2016

The White House
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release March 21, 2016

Presidential Memorandum: Building National Capabilities for Long-Term Drought Resilience

"Our Nation must sustain and expand efforts to reduce the vulnerability...to the impacts of drought."
-President Barack Obama



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NYC Cannonsville Reservoir December 2001 @ 6.5% of Capacity

Photo: NYCDEP

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