



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

April 2, 2008

Dear Decree Party Principals and Delaware River Master:

In light of the rain that is forecast for southeastern New York over much of the next two weeks, I, as chairman of the Delaware River Basin Commission, ask that you join me in taking action to help protect against potential Delaware River main stem flooding.

Under the Flexible Flow Management Plan (FFMP) enacted last fall, storage level triggers for releases from the reservoirs would increase through April to allow typical springtime rains to replenish the water supply to meet demand increases beginning in May.

While substantial rains are not unusual for April, the reservoirs are already full. It is very likely the reservoirs will continue to be full or nearly filled for the start of the water year beginning on May 1 despite continued releases.

In order to provide for improved flood mitigation under these circumstances, I am calling on all signatory parties to approve a temporary change to the plan that would utilize early spring reservoir release triggers through April. If approved, this agreement would allow the FFMP to be adjusted to provide augmented reservoir releases during the period April 1 through April 30, 2008. In addition, the Delaware River Master shall direct, and the City of New York shall make, releases from the NYC Delaware Basin Reservoirs.

I urge your immediate attention to and concurrence with this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward G. Rendell".

Edward G. Rendell
Governor