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This useful book quickly went out of print -- the original version was priced at ca \$20.

POPULAR PENNSYLVANIA GEOLOGY BOOK REPRINTED

HARRISBURG (Jan. 6) -- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Secretary John C. Oliver today announced the reprinting of "The Geology of Pennsylvania," a popular book detailing both the Keystone State's rich geologic history and the impact of geology on our contemporary natural resources.

"Since we sold out its first printing quickly in 1999, we have received many requests to make this comprehensive book available again," Secretary Oliver said. "Pennsylvania's fascinating geologic story goes back many years, but is more relevant than ever for our economic and ecological health."

The result of a partnership between DCNR's Bureau of Topographic and Geologic Survey and the Pittsburgh Geologic Society, the 888-page tome is separated into 10 parts with 57 chapters total. Ninety authors -- from academia, government and industry -- contributed to the compiling and writing of the information. The two-color book contains more than 800 illustrations, an extensive bibliography, a detailed index, and a 16-page section printed in full color.

Reginald P. Briggs, of Geomega Inc., was managing editor of the project. The editor of the volume is Charles H. Shultz, a professor at Slippery Rock University. Briggs, Shultz and other members of the Society were also authors of several chapters in the book.

The Bureau of Topographic and Geologic Survey contributed significantly to the publication; 14 present or former Bureau staff members were authors or coauthors of 22 of the 57 chapters. Most of the remaining staff of the Bureau were involved in either the technical review, editing or drafting of the volume.

The 10 sections are: Introduction, Stratigraphy and Sedimentary Tectonics, Structural Geology and Tectonics, Regional Geophysics, Physiography, Geologic History, Mineral Resources, Water Resources, Environmental and Engineering, Applications, and The Geologic Tourist.

For more information on the book, contact the Bureau of Topographic and Geologic Survey at (717) 702-2017. To purchase a copy, contact the State Bookstore, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120-0053 or (717) 787-5109.

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