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Denise Brinley is the Special Assistant to the Secretary for Strategic Industry Initiatives. In this role, she leads the agency in developing tactical recruitment, development, and investment strategies for the Commonwealth. Pennsylvania's access to natural gas, the upcoming pipeline infrastructure build out, impaired properties that hold great potential for redevelopment, and the existing industrial and manufacturing base position the Commonwealth for sustained economic growth in and around the energy sector – and are be key areas of focus for Ms. Brinley.

Her position includes building effective relationships with private companies, public officials, federal and state agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other partners to further the agency's strategic agenda in and around the energy sector. She focuses on partnership-building, both internally and externally, and developing major departmental initiatives and projects that demonstrate the inextricable links between economic and community development, the private and public sectors, and the economy and the environment.

Most recently, Denise served as vice president and principal environmental consultant in TRC Corporation's Harrisburg office, focusing primarily on the natural gas industry, wetland mitigation banking, and brownfield redevelopment. Prior to joining TRC, Brinley served as director of DEP's Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, where she oversaw the Commonwealth's comprehensive environmental cleanup programs, including the redevelopment of brownfield sites.

Ms. Brinley also served as DEP's Special Deputy Secretary of the Office of Community Revitalization and Local Government Support, where she forged partnerships with economic and industrial development associations, local governments, private developers, and the business community. She has a bachelor's degree in geoscience from Franklin and Marshall College, in Lancaster, and a master's degree in geology from the University of Maryland at College Park.