



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

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This great image is being offered by the Water Environment Federation as a way of shedding light on the hard work and dedication of water workers. Please share this on social media!



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Salt Water Intrusion, Sea Level Rise and Water Management in Cape May County

[This article](#) recently ran in NJ Spotlight -- and is worth a read. It discusses the challenges related to unchecked development, sea level rise and pumping of fresh water out to the aquifer in Cape May County. One often hears that NJ is a water-rich state, but maybe that depends on where in NJ you are talking about.

AEA Continues its Weekly "COVID-19 Check-in Calls" -- Authorities and Municipal Utilities Welcome

A reminder that AEA continues to hold its weekly check in calls on Wednesdays. The time is usually 9 a.m. but it can vary if there are significant scheduling conflicts.

The Zoom meetings are offered as a benefit to members -- there are announcements and status reports from Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, the NJDEP, and from AEA.

The check-in call's open forum format allows for participants to raise questions or seek advice from other members about the many emerging issues that are associated with COVID-19. If you have not been participating, you might wish to check it out and can do so by emailing Karen Burriss.



EPA Tool Can Assist Water Utilities in Assessing the Financial Impacts of COVID

Perhaps now more than ever, robust financial planning is essential if water utilities are to successfully fulfill their mission.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is offering help with that essential activity via a tool water utilities can use to assess the financial impact of COVID-19 on operations. The Water Utility COVID-19 Financial Impact Tool gathers together relevant information about the financial and operational health of water utilities. The tool was created by the EPA's Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center. It leads water utilities through a series of questions about revenues, expenses, and cashflow.

[Link to the relevant EPA page is here](#)

Useful Resource Helps Convey Urgent Water Message to Washington

WaterNow has created a "Stimulus for Sustainability Toolkit" to help local water utilities communicate effectively with members of the U.S. Congress to express the urgent need for federal stimulus and water infrastructure funding as part of federal stimulus and water infrastructure legislation under consideration.

[Check it out at this link](#)

News Links

We gather industry news from throughout the state so you don't have to! Explore the following headlines and more at this news link

- [The Road Back: Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health](#) - Gov. Murphy's re-opening plan for New Jersey
- [The Financial Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on U.S. Drinking Water Utilities](#)
- [Covid 19 coronavirus: Warning after coronavirus found in Dutch sewage water](#)
- [Coronavirus traces found in Massachusetts wastewater at levels far higher than expected](#)
- [NJ DEP adopts new protections for 600 miles of rivers and streams](#)

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