



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

Friday, December 21, 2018

New Jersey to Hold Hearings on its Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Participation

Soon after Governor Phil Murphy took office, he directed the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Board of Public Utilities to return New Jersey to full participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).



RGGI creates a regional cap on carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. Fossil fuel power plants with a capacity greater than 25 megawatts (MW) must purchase an allowance for each ton of CO₂ emitted annually. Participating states use the funds generated by the CO₂ allowance auctions for clean and renewable energy, and to provide rate relief on energy bills.

Currently, nine Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states participate in RGGI to limit greenhouse gas emissions generated by fossil fuel-fired power plants.

Launched in 2005, RGGI was the first mandatory greenhouse gas "cap-and-trade" program in the United States.

To learn more about RGGI visit www.rggi.org. Two public hearings are planned on the New Jersey RGGI regulations, one at 9 a.m. And the other at 1 p.m. At the hearing room of the NJ DEP on Friday, Jan. 25, 2019. For more info: <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/ages/rggi.html#/>

Walter Appointed Director of Division of Local Government Services

This is an excerpt from an announcement AEA received:

Melanie Walter was appointed as the director of the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) and chair of the State's Local Finance Board.

Walter wants to increase the Division's focus on the "services" aspects of the Division of Local Government Services, which entails providing technical and financial assistance in budgeting, financial reporting, joint services, purchasing, and

management issues. This also includes building capacity within the Division to assist municipalities interested in pursuing shared services or consolidation as a mechanism to reduce property taxes.

She is also planning to expand the Division's capacity to provide budget consulting, certifications, and grant support. These initiatives will enable the Division to provide comprehensive management consulting services to towns that need the help. Under Walter's direction, the Division is also striving to enhance its outreach and education functions, providing more direct educational support to local government officers and professionals.



A New Jersey native, Walter earned her Juris Doctor from the College of William and Mary School of Law, her Masters in Public Policy from the Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy at the College of William and Mary, and her Bachelors Degree in Economics from the University of Mary Washington. She is a member of the New Jersey and Virginia bars.

After law school, Walter clerked for the Honorable F. Lee Forrester in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Mercer County. Walter then served as a Deputy Attorney General in the New Jersey Division of Law's Personnel, Community Affairs, and Elections section. In that capacity, she served as general counsel to the Division, the New Jersey Historical Commission, and the Commission on American Indian Affairs, handling a broad array of complex counseling and litigation matters for the Department of Community Affairs, the Civil Service Commission, and other state agencies.

For more information on the Division of Local Government Services, please visit: <https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/>

ATTENTION!

Presenters Needed for AEA Spring Utility Management Conference

Tuesday, March 12 and Wed., March 13 at Caesar's in Atlantic City

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Proposal submissions due Jan. 31, 2019.

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AEA Members Interested in Energy - Consider Participating in our Energy Committee

New Jersey rejoins the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). A new community solar program. New ten-year term for Solar Renewable Energy Certificates. Availability of alternative financing programs for energy projects. New energy efficiency and renewable energy technology.



There's a great deal going on in the energy field in New Jersey these days! For that reason, AEA would like to reconvene its energy committee. The committee has long played a role in helping AEA members take advantage of energy technology and financing programs.

If you are interested in participating in the AEA Energy Committee, please [email Peggy](#) or call 609-584-1877.

Local Finance Board Proposed Re-adoption of NJAC 5:31 (Local Authorities) Includes Amendments and New Rules

The Local Finance Board has proposed the re-adoption of NJAC 5:31 (Local Authorities). The various amendments and new rules, include those that implement P.L. 2017 c.290 (the regional sewerage authority cap law). The deadline for comments is February 15, 2019. The rules can be found [at this link](#). (PDF document.)

Those interested in submitting comment through AEA should [email the comments to Peggy](#) by Thursday, Jan. 31.

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- Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission Settles Worker Accident Case for \$2.28 Million
- Legionnaires' disease bacteria found in Morris County jail water
- Research finds NJ numerical nutrient criterion used to protect streams is too high
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