



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

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HHS Seeks More Wastewater Partners for Phase 2 of COVID Sampling Study

The U.S. Federal government, through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and its partner, Aquavitas, are seeking additional wastewater partners for Phase 2 of its program to monitor wastewater for COVID.

Participation is free of charge and will entitle participating jurisdictions to gain access to an additional data source informing on the local status of SARS-CoV-2 infections.

Feb. 12 was the last day of Phase 1 of the HHS Wastewater Monitoring Project. PVSC participated, along with others in New Jersey.

For Phase 2, Aquavitas, the HHS partner, is inviting wastewater systems to contact them. There is as yet no start date for Phase 2 and test kits will be distributed once Phase 2 officially begins.

Data for Phase 1 will be available in about a week or so through www.healthdata.gov.

Those interested in participating in phase 2, should contact: Adam J. Gushgari, PhD, PE, Chief Executive Officer, AquaVitas, 480-299-2471 and adam@aquavitas.com. Please provide the following information:

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Name:
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Address (For Shipping): Cities Served:
- Approximate Population Served:
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Contact Name: Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Contact Phone:
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Contact Email:



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Full details are still to come. Check back later for registration information.



NJPDES Fee Schedule to be Posted

The DEP said it expects to post the annual NJPDES fee notice on its website soon, and it plans to hold a stakeholder meeting on them on March 18.

DEP also told the Clean Water Council this week that they were moving ahead once more with a revamping of the NJPDES fee structure.

However, any changes to the fee rules DEP may propose would not be for this coming year's fees.

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