



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

Thursday, January 9, 2025

Greatly Concerned, AEA Seeks Meeting with NJDEP about Anticipated New SWQS for PFOS, PFNA, PFOA

AEA urges members to review anticipated amendments to **NJ Surface Water Quality Standards** at N.J.A.C. 7:9B establishing new freshwater and saline water criteria for PFNA, PFOA, and PFOS.

The NJDEP Division of Water Monitoring, Standards and Pesticide Control and its Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards held a November stakeholder meeting reviewing expected **2025 regulatory changes**, including the new stream criteria.

AEA has requested a meeting with Victor Poretti, Director of the division, and Kim Cenno, Bureau Chief, to discuss the anticipated PF chemical standards.

In a Dec. 13 letter, AEA said the anticipated amendments “concern AEA greatly.” AEA went on to say, “**We are shocked that the NJDEP would consider setting a standard that, as far as we can see, would be impossible to apply in the real world and whose implementation could be disastrous.**”

AEA has prepared a model resolution asking the NJDEP to reconsider issuing the proposed PFOA, PFNA, and PFOS stream standards. Some AEA members have already adopted the resolution; others expect to do so.

To read the Nov. 21 slides, the model resolution, and review related documents, please email Karen for the link to the online folder.

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Nominations for AEA's annual Wave Award program are due by **Jan. 31, 2025**.

This program provides an opportunity to honor a job well-done by authorities and individuals. Awards are given for many categories: contributions to member organizations, dedication to AEA, innovative work, individual and organizational achievement, energy saving, and good management.

On the nomination form, we ask you to explain why the award is deserved, and this year we are emphasizing that we welcome photos and videos that help enrich the nomination.

Please [visit this page](#) for nomination forms.

Tune in to the AEA Streamline podcast

Listen to the latest episode from *AEA Streamline*, a podcast for AEA members.

It features a talk with Bill Gettings of Hazen and Sawyer, about how he became an engineer, the satisfaction of his work, and giving back. It also features a mobile version of the twice monthly AEA check in.

To listen, search “AEA Streamline” on your favorite podcast app.

Upcoming Workshop on Bulk Water Transactions

AEA will offer a 90-minute online workshop about wholesale or bulk water buying and selling on Thursday, Jan. 30 at 10 a.m.

The discussion will cover types of bulk water agreements, managing interconnections, and how purchasing utilities might work together. Registration is \$25. 1 DW TCH have been requested.

Register for the workshop [at this link](#).

MGT 343 Disaster Management Courses Scheduled

A MGT 343 Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities class is scheduled for January 22-23 in Allentown, PA.

The Point of contact is Joseph Light and the class will be held at the Centronia Ambulance Corp, 4300 Broadway, Allentown PA.

[Information and registration here.](#)

The course will also be held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy in Sayreville in February. Registration information can be found [at this link](#).

There are plenty of seats available for both, so register today.

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