



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

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DEP Seeking Suggestions on Water Bank rule changes, input needed by Aug. 6



The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (I-Bank) invite you to share ideas on potential rule changes to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program ("Water Bank") rules at N.J.A.C. 7:22.

Submissions are needed by Aug. 6. See below for the submission form. Please contact AEA if you'd like to submit one.

The [Water Bank rules at N.J.A.C. 7:22](#) include financial assistance application and award procedures, as well as other related requirements for project sponsors to qualify for State monies to finance environmental infrastructure projects, including wastewater treatment, water supply and stormwater/nonpoint source management facilities.

The Financing Program, administered under these rules, has provided over \$7.4 billion worth of financial assistance for water quality and public health related environmental infrastructure projects over the past 32 years.

The Department and the I-Bank recently readopted the rules with minor administrative updates, recognizing the need to update the Rules to better reflect current programmatic practices.

The Department is inviting stakeholders to provide feedback on the potential changes listed above as well as provide suggestions for changes they would like considered as part of this rule proposal process.

Please use [the linked form](#) to submit any recommendations on rule changes by August 6, 2019 to Kyle Carlson at Kyle.Carlson@dep.nj.gov. **Please contact AEA if you'd like to complete the suggestion form.**

The Department will review, compile, and categorize the submitted ideas to prepare an agenda for a stakeholder meeting. If you submitted an idea(s), you may be contacted by Department staff and asked to speak about your submitted idea at the stakeholder meeting.

EPDA Track 4 (Human Resources) Starts Sept. 11

The AEA [Environmental Professional Development Academy 2019](#) cohort this week completes its finance track. Congratulations to the group and to Dollie Hamlin of Plainfield MUA, track coordinator. Track 4, Human Resources, coordinated by Apryl Roach of Franklin Township SA, begins on Sept. 11. Please contact Karen Burris for information.

Join Us at the 2019 AEA Annual Conference, Nov. 19 - 20 in Atlantic City

See the [AEA website](#) for the announcement seeking proposals for presentations for the 2019 AEA Fall Conference and Annual Meeting, Nov. 19 - 20 at Bally's in Atlantic City. The theme of the conference is "The Next Decade."

Speakers already confirmed include Melanie Walter, Director of the Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services and Dan Kennedy, Director, Environmental & Utility Operations for the Utility & Transportation Contractors Association and former assistant commissioner at the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.



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