



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

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Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) Adopts Emergency Procurement Rules

DLGS adopted emergency regulations to allow local governments and school districts to utilize online platforms for procuring goods, services, power supply, and contracts for public works projects.

These emergency regulations are being concurrently proposed for permanent adoption and have been published in the June 15 New Jersey Register.

The Notice of Emergency Adoption and Concurrent Proposal, along with the Notice of Imminent Peril and Governor concurrence for the emergency adoption, can be found on the [DLGS website](#).

The Notice of Emergency Adoption and Concurrent Proposal is located in the Proposed Rules and Recently Adopted Rules sections.

Any formal comments on the regulations should be emailed to dlgs@dca.nj.gov with the heading Electronic Procurement Regulations - Rule Proposal Comment.

The deadline for comment submission is July 15. Please email any questions on the use of electronic procurement platforms to lpcl@dca.nj.gov.



Request for Presentation Proposals

AEA is seeking proposals for presentations on timely topics, especially data management, long-term financial planning in light of COVID, HR issues related to COVID, and wastewater epidemiology. While AEA is holding off for now on a decision about holding the November conference in person or online, the AEA Education and Conference Committee is still interested in gathering proposal abstracts. The form is posted at www.aeanj.org.

Governor Murphy Announces Support for Key Environmental Justice Legislation

Governor Phil Murphy today announced his support for environmental legislation for overburdened communities. The legislation (S232) requires the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to evaluate environmental and public health impacts of certain facilities on overburdened communities when reviewing certain permit applications.

The bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to evaluate the environmental and public health impacts of the following facilities on overburdened communities when reviewing the following permit applications:

- major sources of air pollution (i.e., gas fired power plants and cogeneration facilities);
- resource recovery facilities or incinerators; sludge processing facilities;
- sewage treatment plants with a capacity of more than 50 million gallons per day;
- transfer stations or solid waste facilities;
- recycling facilities that receive at least 100 tons of recyclable material per day;
- scrap metal facilities;
- landfills; or
- medical waste incinerators.

The bill defines an overburdened community as any community where 35 percent of the households qualify as low-income according to the U.S. Census, 40 percent of households are minority, or 40 percent of households have limited English proficiency. There are approximately 310 municipalities with populations totaling approximately 4,489,000 that have overburdened communities within their municipalities.

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