



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

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AEA Urges Member Utilities to Review Listing on Soon-to-be- Launched "Dashboard"



New Jersey Future's staff, as part of their "Jersey Water Works" project, has created a website. It is a "dashboard" which **lists utility violation information** derived from NJDEP records and other information provided directly from water and wastewater utilities that participated in voluntary surveys sent out by NJF.

Individuals from AEA have been among those who have been consulted as this "dashboard," called "Jersey WaterCheck," has been in development. AEA has made numerous recommendations, some which have been incorporated and some which have not.

The "dashboard" will go live today, March 1. AEA urges our members to **review the information relevant to their utility**. To do so, email Jyoti Venketraman at jvenketraman@njfuture.org or Kim Irby at kirby@njfuture.org. If possible, please copy Peggy Gallos, pgallos@aeanj.org, with any corrections you may request after your review.

We also urge you to continue to check the information periodically. We are told it will only be **updated once annually**, and so one of our main concerns is how "fresh" information about Notices of Violation will be, especially considering the data, when it is uploaded to the "dashboard" initially, will already be from the previous year.

Briefing on ACUA Response to Feb. 21 Force Main Break to be Added to AEA Spring Conference Agenda

Last Sunday, a 27" influent sewer force main ruptured on Wellington Avenue in Atlantic City. Within a short time, ACUA personnel arrived on the scene shortly to assess the situation. They contacted emergency contractor, Lafayette Utilities, which began mobilizing that afternoon, to do further assessment and begin repairs.

As might be expected, the break received media attention. As part of its response,

ACUA did its own communicating -- providing a [four-page letter and fact sheet](#) to every residence and business in the affected area.

ACUA has offered to brief our March 9-10 conference about the event and their response. This briefing will most likely be added to the "Crisis Management" segment on the first day, Tuesday, March 9.

To attend the conference, please visit www.aeanj.org. We have also posted the [letter/fact sheet](#) on the AEA website for your information.

Local Finance Board Adopts New Rules on Authority Budgets

The Local Finance Board recently readopted N.J.A.C. 5:31, the chapter of rules pertaining to local authority budgets and financial administration.

This re-adoption contains extensive rule changes corresponding to revised statutes, current regulatory guidance and forms. The majority of amendments codify previously existing requirements without change. Local Finance Notice 2021-04, accessible at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/lfns/21/2021-04.pdf>, will review the amendments and new rules implementing new requirements or modifying existing ones.

The Notice of Chapter Readoption is located under the Recently Adopted Rules heading at https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/resources/rules_reg.html



Online Registration Now Open For AEA Virtual Utility Management Conference

March 9 and 10, 2021

TCHs pending

Register Online here!

This year's Virtual Conference is coming, and it coincides with AEA's 50th Anniversary, so it's going to be something special.

Make your plans now to join AEA for the kick off of our 50th anniversary at the utility management conference on March 9 and 10. Topics to be presented include:

- 50th Anniversary Presentation
- Managing through a Crisis
- Top HR issues
- Improving your Utility with Innovative Technologies

And more. Videos from the Wave Award recipients will be presented.

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

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