



## Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

### CISA Urges Increased Vigilance Against Russian Cyber Attack *Urges Reporting of "Anomalous Cyber Activity"*

Organizations, including AEA members, should report "anomalous cyber activity," to the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), according to a briefing held last week.

Federal officials warned that given Russia's attack on Ukraine, all sectors in the U.S. are vulnerable to cyber attack. Officials from CISA and the FBI said the agency is maintaining a "low threshold" for reporting. They ask that suspicious activity be reported 24/7 to [report@cisa.gov](mailto:report@cisa.gov) or by calling 888-282-0870.

AEA members should also see [www.cisa.gov/shields-up](http://www.cisa.gov/shields-up) for more detailed information.

*(This may be a good time to consider joining the AEA IT Committee, which provides information and a forum for staff from member organizations to discuss IT issues. If you are interested, contact Peggy or Karen.)*



### Clean Watersheds Needs Survey Has Direct Connection to NJ's SRF Allocation

Every four years, New Jersey participates in the U.S. EPA Clean Watersheds Needs Survey, in which utilities provide estimates about about water-quality and public health-related infrastructure needs and costs in the next 20 years. The information gathered has a variety of uses, but probably the single most important of those is that the data collected is directly tied to NJ's Clean Water State Revolving Fund allocation.

Although the survey is not mandatory, it is in the best interest of every AEA wastewater member to complete the survey by the May 31, 2022 deadline

Utilities completing the survey are providing the State and Federal governments with information that will be used to determine the SRF. The NJDEP will provide technical support and other help for completing the survey.

For assistance, contact Ketan Patel or Kyle Carlson at 609-292-3114 or email [NJCWNS22@dep.nj.gov](mailto:NJCWNS22@dep.nj.gov).

## AEA and 11 Member Authorities Invited to Participate in April 20 Discussion of NJPDES Fees

The NJDEP has invited AEA and 28 other associations and utilities to participate in an online meeting to discuss NJPDES fees. The meeting is set for Wed., April 20, 2022 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Eleven AEA authority members were among the invitees to the meeting. The NJDEP says that it is interested in developing “a simplified fee structure” that covers the NJPDES program cost, makes the fees more “equitable and predictable,” and “maintains consideration of both environmental impact and relative work effort.”

The DEP is asking invitees for input and feedback. The Department is requesting an RSVP prior to April 11.

## Thank You for a Great Spring Conference



Thank you to speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, volunteers and attendees who took part in the 2022 spring conference. It was well-attended and chockfull of interesting and important information.

**Our exhibitors were:** CME Associates, Colliers Engineering & Design, Mantis Innovation, Mott MacDonald, Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., and the NJ Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North American.

**Our sponsors were:** All Covered, AquaLaw and the Utility & Transportation Contractors Association.

**Speaking at our conference were:** Jacquelyn Suarez, Director, Division of Local Government Services; Joseph Kwiatkowski, Trinity Consultants; Eleni Giannikopoulos, Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc.; Charles Jenkins and Karen Cole, NJDEP; Gary Sondermeyer, NJ Climate Change Alliance; Kristin Epstein and David Smith, City of Trenton Department of Water and Sewer; Eric Swisher and Katie Fritz, ALL4; Amanda Waters, AquaLaw; Pam Carolan, Mount Laurel Township MUA; Jim Cosgrove, Kleinfelder; Adrienne Nemura, Geosyntec Consultants, Dan Kennedy, UTCA and Jim McGregor.

**Congratulations to this year's Wave Award winners:**

- Dennis Palmer, Landis SA, Life Member
- Diane Alexander, Maraziti Falcon, Outstanding Associate Member
- Janette Kessler, ACUA, Up and Comer
- Ron Suto, PVSC, Individual Achievement
- Hillsborough MUA, Best Management Practices
- Bayshore RSA, Forward Thinking
- Mount Laurel Township MUA, Public Education

---

## Visit AEA's Career Center

Job listings for the public water / wastewater industry. AEA members may submit listings for free. [Check our job listings now.](#)

## NEWS LINKS

AEA gathers news relevant to our industry and archives it in one convenient place for you. [Go there now.](#)

---

Association of Environmental Authorities | 2333 Whitehorse-  
Mercerville Road, Unit 2, Mercerville, NJ 08619 | (609) 584-1877 | [Join Us](#) |  
<https://www.aeanj.org/>

