



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

Thursday, October 20, 2022

Flood Hazard Rule Revision to be Subject of Online Meeting This Evening

On Thursday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. the NJDEP will hold the second of two public engagement sessions regarding its proposal. The first of this meetings series was held on Oct. 19, 2022. The purpose of the two meeting is to educate the public about updated rainfall data and expected changes in elevations and flood hazard standards that are intended to protect public safety. **To register for the Oct. 20 meeting**, follow this link. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2353738162001748749>

The NJDEP says that Hurricane Ida was one of several “intense weather events” in 2021. The NJDEP says the rule changes are necessary because of “patterns of increasingly intense storms becoming more routine due to climate change and current state and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood standards being based on backward-looking, 1999 precipitation data.”

The new NJDEP rules would require those applying for development permission under flood hazard rules and stormwater management rules to use updated peak flow calculations in applications. The new State rules would also require municipalities to update local ordinances. The NJDEP has made flood mapping tool and other information available. Stormwater technical assistance grants are available to municipal and local stormwater officials. The **deadline for submission is Nov. 1, 2022**. For more info: https://nj.gov/dep/wlm/grants/swgrant.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

State Agencies Offer Briefing on Water Assistance Program

The NJ Board of Public Utilities and the NJ Department of Community Affairs are sponsoring a webinar on **Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 11 a.m.** about the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).

New Jersey received \$24 million in federal COVID relief funds to help utilities recover lost revenues and help utility customers avoid shut-offs and tax liens for failure to pay water and sewer bills. Under the program, participating water and sewer utilities receive direct payment to help cover arrearages. Water and sewer utilities that provide "retail" service are eligible for LIHWAP.

To register visit:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?meeting=6vvrzkuE9J4hzYT_K3agazxTUJdaySN

Licensed Operator Rules Re-adopted with No Changes

The Oct. 17th edition of the New Jersey Register included a Notice of Rule Adoption indicating the re-adoption of Licensing of Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment System Operators regulations, at N.J.A.C. 7:10A. The rules were to expire this month. The readopted rules set the requirements for four classes of licenses for licensing of operators at industrial and public sewer treatment systems, public wastewater collection systems, and drinking water systems.

NJ DEP Commissioner LaTourette Will Keynote Annual Meeting & Conference

"Environmental Justice in the Era of Recovery"

This year's Annual Meeting & Conference continues the theme Environmental Justice in the Era of Recovery and will be held **November 15 & 16, 2022 at Caesars Atlantic City**.

This year's keynote speaker will be Commissioner LaTourette of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

Topics to be Presented

- Toxic and combustible gas detection practices in the water and wastewater industry
- Rate counsel matters affecting energy and water costs
- Safety at authorities
- How PEOSH can assist authorities
- Updates on regulations
- Intended Use Plan and a segment on environmental justice
- And more coming soon!

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

- [2022 Draft Agenda](#) (final agenda to follow)
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