



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Governor's EO190, Though Well- intentioned, Cause Head Scratching Among AEA Members



AEA is interested in hearing from members regarding revenue losses related to non-payment of bills during the pandemic. Please email Peggy to share this information.

This request is related to Executive Order 190. As many readers of Enews know, on Oct. 15 Gov. Murphy issued EO190, which orders utilities to maintain a moratorium on shutting off service for nonpayment until March 15, 2021.

The order states that "no...municipal utility or privately or publicly owned water system shall discontinue... water service to... all residential accounts and any accounts primarily serving residential customers, due to nonpayment" except to protect health and safety. The EO states that utilities may not "collect any fee or charge imposed for late or otherwise untimely payments or service reconnections that have accrued, and will continue to accrue, during the Public Health Emergency."

Members have raised questions about whether the order applies to sewer utilities and whether they can collect late fees once the declared Public Health Emergency has ended.

They have also expressed concern about the fact that there is no mechanism to permit the utility to determine that a ratepayer who isn't

paying a bill is doing so he/she has lost a livelihood, a job, or suffered some other financial hardship due to the pandemic.

In Newly Issued EO192, Gov. Murphy Imposes Workplace Measures to Reduce Spread of COVID-19

Gov. Murphy has issued an executive order, EO192, effective Nov. 5, imposing "mandatory health and safety standards" starting on New Jersey's workers during the pandemic. The EO requires employers to impose six-foot social distancing and implement a series of protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Here is a description of Gov. Murphy's [EO 192](#) from the Office of the Governor:

"The executive order will require both private and public sector employers to follow health and safety protocols that will serve to protect their in-person workforces. The Order mandates that as of 6:00 a.m. on November 5th, all employers, at minimum, require individuals at the worksite to maintain at least six feet of distance from others to the maximum extent possible and require employees and visitors to wear masks when entering the worksite, subject to certain limited exceptions.

Other protocols require employers to:

- Provide approved sanitization materials to employees and visitors at no cost to those individuals;
- Ensure that employees practice hand hygiene and provide sufficient break time for that purpose;
- Routinely clean and disinfect all high-touch areas in accordance with DOH and CDC guidelines;
- Conduct daily health checks, such as temperature screenings, visual symptom checking, self-assessment checklists, and/or health questionnaires, prior to each shift, consistent with CDC guidance;
- Exclude sick employees from the workplace and follow requirements of applicable leave laws; and
- Promptly notify employees of any known exposure to COVID-19 at the worksite."

Virtual Annual Meeting & Conference
Thursday & Friday, Nov. 12 – 13, 2020

Thursday 2.5 wtchs / 3 wwtchs
Friday 1.5 wtchs / 2 wwtchs
(Attendance each day for the entire day
required in order to receive credit)



Like many other associations, AEA is going virtual because of the pandemic. On Nov. 12 and 13, we'll be online, but we will still be on top of the ESSENTIAL information you, providers of such an ESSENTIAL service, need to navigate challenges and provide great service.

Note: *You will not be able to access the Zoom meeting without first registering. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.*

TCH credits for operators will be offered both days at a fee of \$99 for the first 2 registrants and \$50 for each additional registrant from the same organization.

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IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

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AEA Proposed Slate

Each year, an annual meeting is held at the November conference of AEA. This year's meeting will be held virtually on Thursday November 12, 2020 at 9:00am. Voting delegates will be asked to approve the slate presented by the nomination's committee. Each member organization annually selects (or reconfirms) its voting delegate at the time it renews its membership. The voting delegate is usually the executive director or

similar administrative person.

AEA officers by tradition serve for two years, but voting delegates are asked to vote on the slate each year. Voting delegates are also asked to vote on members of the Board of Directors. Board members may serve two consecutive three-year terms. During the virtual meeting voting delegates will be instructed to use the raise hand feature to approve the slate.

2021 Slate of Officers and Directors

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