



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

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AEA Files Comments on Amended Intended Use Plan

AEA submitted written comments to the NJDEP on Oct. 24 regarding the draft Amended Intended Use Plan (IUP) recently posted by the NJ I-Bank.



After running short on funds for drinking water projects, the I-Bank has announced several key changes to how it plans to use funds and conditions of borrowing.

AEA comments acknowledged positive changes at the I-Bank in recent years that made the I-Bank more user friendly, but it also took issue with the timing of the recent Amended IUP announcement.

The Association of Environmental Authorities (AEA) requested consideration be given to imposing borrowing caps in certain instances, and we suggested that rankings include points for compliance with the Water Quality Accountability Act.

AEA proposed returning to the past policy of limiting borrowing to public agencies, and we requested the web page with the I-Bank borrowing estimate calculator be revised to make clear that drinking water funds are limited.

Spreading the Word that Utility Jobs are Fulfilling, Stable and Available

On Oct. 15, AEA participated in a utility job fair held at Mercer County Community College. The event drew more than 100 job seekers. AEA representatives Peggy Gallos, Jesse VanPelt and Bruce Mantano spoke non-stop to a diverse array of visitors. AEA collected 44 resumes and has posted them for members to review in the [Document Library](#) in the Member Content section of the website, www.aeanj.org.

Many thanks to Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo and the NJ Utilities Association, joint sponsors of the event. Attending job fairs like this is a great way for AEA to promote the industry. Many thanks to Western Monmouth Utilities Authority for providing the table staffing. Bruce and Jesse were great spokespeople!

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Still Time to Register!

Commissioner Catherine McCabe to Offer Keynote at AEA Conference

NJDEP Commissioner Catherine McCabe will open the AEA conference on Nov 13 at 5 p.m. We are looking forward to hearing about her policy priorities and plans.

If you have not registered, there is still lots of time! Registration materials, sponsorship and hotel information can be found at www.aeanj.org or by emailing info@aeanj.org.

(IMPORTANT NOTE: Hotel rooms blocks closes tomorrow, Oct. 31!)

Commissioner Suppers Strengthen Ties and Help Build Connections

Thank you to Hanover Sewerage Authority and Atlantic County Utilities Authority for hosting two recent commissioner suppers.

Commissioners Bill Byrne at HSA and Marvin Embry of ACUA were on hand to welcome guests, and AEA much appreciates that they could do so. It is always wonderful to be joined by Ellen Gulbinsky, AEA retired executive director and, these days, a commissioner at Bordertown SA. Ellen's perspective on the world of authorities is unique and valuable.

Both October events were well-attended and featured great conversations. At Hanover SA, Commissioner Joe Pernice of Western Monmouth Utilities Authority talked about how he and his fellow commissioners have worked to rebuild faith and professionalism at their authority. At ACUA, T. Wayne Scott, Jacqueline Jennings, and Webster Evans from

Willingboro MUA discussed how their community coped with a June mega-storm that dumped several inches of rain on their town.

Diane Alexander, an attorney with Maraziti Falcon, graciously volunteered to attend both suppers. She discussed the statutory role of the commissioners and their distinct roles in the authority. Fletcher Platt, a Morris County MUA commissioner and AEA Life Member, was on hand at Hanover SA to share his knowledge.

The staff of both authorities went out of their way to make everyone comfortable and welcome. If you are interested in hosting a commissioner supper or attending one, contact Peggy Gallos. We hope to schedule at least two more in the February to April time frame.

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