



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021

Extended Emergency Loan Deadline: TODAY at Noon

If you are on the NJDEP listservs, you received this the other day. Please note the deadline is **today at noon**:

This email provides guidance as to Emergency Loan Program eligibility and application requirements for the NJ Water Bank's Clean Water and Drinking Water Programs.

The NJDEP recognizes that environmental infrastructure emergencies may occur that endanger public health and welfare and can result in substantial environmental damage. Such circumstances require an immediate response for which a complete technical and environmental review in advance of construction is not possible.

On July 15, 2005, the NJDEP issued a generic Environmental Decision Document (EDD) for environmental emergency response projects and on January 3, 2006, amendments to the program's rules at N.J.A.C. 7:22 were adopted to allow the Water Bank to fund certain emergency projects. The generic EDD and the rule changes identify the specific types of projects and conditions that must exist to qualify under the emergency project provisions of the Financing Program.

With the EDD and the rules as guidelines, the NJDEP has developed a process to respond rapidly when emergencies occur, obtain basic project information, make an eligibility determination, and issue a pre-award approval so that owners/operators can undertake the needed repairs and maintain eligibility for those expenditures through the Water Bank. For ranking purposes, projects that qualify as emergency projects will receive funding priority over all other projects on the Project Priority List.

Project Notification Procedure.

The affected system must notify:

1) Drinking Water Projects:

The Chief of the Bureau of Water System Engineering, Kristin Tedesco, Water System Operations Element in the Division of Water Supply, at (609) 292-2957 or Kristin.Tedesco@dep.nj.gov ;

2) Clean Water Projects:

The Assistant Director of the Municipal Finance and Construction Element in the Division of Water Quality, Gene Chebra, at (609) 633-1170 or Eugene.Chebra@dep.nj.gov

by close of business on the day of the emergency or by 12:00 PM of the next business day.

For example, if an emergency occurs on a Friday morning, the NJDEP must be notified by the end of the Friday business day or if an emergency occurs on a Saturday or Sunday, the NJDEP must be notified by 12:00PM on the following Monday.

Due to the severe impacts across the state caused by Tropical Storm Ida, the reporting deadline for Water Bank emergency notifications related to this event has been extended to 12:00 PM, Tuesday September 7, 2021.

The NJDEP will confirm notification of the possible emergency project with a fax or email describing what information is to be submitted to NJDEP. Within 30 days of the emergency occurrence, the affected system must submit to the NJDEP a comprehensive report including the following: nature/location of the emergency, need for repair and description of the initial efforts to repair the damage, detailed description of the repair needed with costs, list any required permits, and a description of the long-term solution. In addition, a Certification signed by the water superintendent, chief engineer or director must be provided by the water system stating that there was an emergency situation and that the repairs are required.

The NJ Water Bank will only fund the portion of any repair that is necessary to restore lost service to the affected population and will only fund a specific Emergency Repair Project for a specific entity once. Any long-term solutions, modifications, and/or upgrades to prevent future emergency occurrences must be addressed in future financing cycles as a project and published on the Project Priority List. Specific types of projects and conditions must exist to qualify under the emergency project provisions of the Financing Program. Drinking Water Emergency Repair Projects will be defined as, and limited to, projects that replace, in kind, the failure of an essential portion of a public water system that is expected to disrupt water service to any number of the public water system's customers for a minimum of 24 hours total and/or poses a substantial threat to the public health and safety.



**NJ-GMIS Welcomes John Duke
Logan to the
2021 Technology Education
Conference**

Register for the NJ-GMIS Technology Education Conference and join us for our keynote session, Impossible Is Just A Word! presented by leadership speaker & magician John Duke Logan.

What does magic have to do with technology? The demands on the technology department in public sector organizations can have us all feeling like magicians from time to time. This session will focus on why John believes that the most successful & creative leaders throughout history also thought like magicians: they understood the fundamentals of *perception*. They knew that just because a goal *seemed* impossible to execute at first, didn't mean it *was* impossible -- it all started with *how* they perceived the challenge.

With over 15 years of experience, John Duke Logan is an award-winning leadership keynote speaker & magician who has shared his signature message that *Impossible* is Just a Word™ throughout the world. He received a standing ovation on America's Got Talent, was nicknamed by the media the Team Magician for the New England Patriots, and published two books on the innovation cycle entrepreneurs use.

You can learn more about John at www.JohnDukeLogan.com

In addition to the keynote session, we look forward to providing an enjoyable day of quality technology education, networking, private sector solutions and good company!

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- * Private sector solutions

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- * Current Cyber Threats from an FBI Techie
- * Change Management
- * Social Media & City Hall
- * Evolving Ransomware
- * Innovation In Public Safety
- * Hybrid Learning
- * Interoperability in Education
- * & More!

We look forward to seeing you there!

AEA Announces New Protect NJ Public Water Website



AEA has developed a new website meant to provide information and

resources regarding **water and sewer privatization**. The new website is protectNJpublicwater.com.

AEA is also launching a Facebook page, [protectSouthJerseypublicwater](https://www.facebook.com/protectSouthJerseypublicwater), and like the website, it is meant to be a resource regarding privatization. These platforms are becoming available as AEA, several public-sector unions, and other groups are opposing S3637. The bill would create a State-level trust fund that would take dedications of water, sewer and other local government assets. In return, the dedicating government units would earn credits on pension liabilities.

AEA views the bill as a "Trojan Horse" to privatization. **AEA urges its members to speak out against S3637** and urge legislators not to support the bill.

At the same time, Cumberland County UA is entertaining proposals to privatize. An RFQ CUA issued last month was generated mainly in response to overtures of Bernhard Capital Partners, a Louisiana private equity firm. Bernhard has been courting South Jersey officials in Cumberland County, Millville and possibly other locations, attempting to market its concession approach to privatizing. CUA commissioners are divided about the Bernhard proposal. Steve Errickson, CUA executive director, last week announced his resignation, saying the incursion of outside forces has harmed his ability to do his job.

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