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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

Notice of Readoption

Regulations Governing the Certification of Laboratories and Environmental Measurements

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 7:18

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1D-9 et seq., 13:1E-1 et seq., 13:1K-6 et seq., 26:2C-1 et seq., 26:2D-70 et seq., 58:10-23.11 et seq., 58:10A-1 et seq., 58:12A-1 et seq., and 58:12A-26 et seq.

Authorized By: Bob Martin, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection.

Effective Date: October 23, 2013.

New Expiration Date: October 23, 2020.

Take notice that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Regulations Governing the Certification of Laboratories and Environmental Measurements at N.J.A.C. 7:18 are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules had been scheduled to expire on November 22, 2013. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed these rules and has determined that the rules should be readopted because they are necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), timely filing of this notice extended the expiration date of the chapter seven years from the date of filing.

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N.J.A.C. 7:18, Regulations Governing the Certification of Laboratories and Environmental Measurements, governs the certification of and the procedures used by laboratories that conduct analytical testing of samples taken for the purpose of complying with many of the Department's regulatory programs, including those governing drinking water, groundwater, wastewater, air, soils, solid waste, hazardous waste, and sludge. The standards govern laboratory facilities, personnel, equipment and instrument calibration and maintenance, quality assurance/quality control, laboratory records, data reporting and maintenance, and other laboratory practices. The Department evaluates compliance with these standards through a proficiency testing program and on-site audits of environmental laboratories.