## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

## Agricultural, Aquacultural, and Horticultural Water Usage Certification

Readoption:	N.J.A.C. 7:20A
Authority:	N.J.S.A. 58:1A-1 et seq.
Authorized by:	Bob Martin, Commissioner, Department of
	Environmental Protection.
Effective Date:	November 4, 2013
New Expiration Date:	November 4, 2020

**Take notice** that, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) Agricultural, Aquacultural, and Horticultural Water Usage Certification rules at N.J.A.C. 7:20A are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven year period. The rules had been scheduled to expire on December 5, 2013. The 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), timely filing of this notice extended the expiration date of the chapter seven years from the date of filing.

The Agricultural, Aquacultural, and Horticultural Water Usage Certification rules at N.J.A.C. 7:20A establish procedures for persons having the capability to divert 100,000 or more gallons of water per day for agricultural, aquacultural, or horticultural purposes to obtain a water usage certification in order to divert that water. A certification allows a person to divert 100,000

gallons or more of water per day from ground and surface water sources for those purposes for a five-year period. A person who has the capability to divert 100,000 gallons or more but who does not divert and does not intend to divert that quantity of water must register the diversion source under the rules. The rules prescribe the application, review, notification, and modification and renewal procedures for water usage certifications and registrations.

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Bob Martin, Commissioner Department of Environmental Protection