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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY AND GEOSCIENCE**

**Well Construction and Maintenance; Sealing of Abandoned Wells**

**Readoption: N.J.A.C. 7:9D**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1D-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 58:4A-4.1 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 58:12A-1 et seq.

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

Effective Date: January 31, 2014

New Expiration Date: January 31, 2021

**Take notice** that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Well Construction and Maintenance; Sealing of Abandoned Wells rules at N.J.A.C. 7:9D are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules had been scheduled to expire on March 3, 2014. 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), timely filing of this notice extended the expiration date of the chapter seven years from the date of filing.

The Well Construction and Maintenance; Sealing of Abandoned Wells rules establish the requirements and standards for the permitting, construction and decommissioning of wells, the standards and requirements for the licensing of well drillers and pump installers, and the activities, duties, procedures and practices of the State Well Drillers and Pump Installers Examining and Advisory Board in accordance with the Subsurface and Percolating Waters Act, N.J.S.A. 58:4A-4.1 et seq.