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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Readoption

Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Rules

Readoption: **N.J.A.C. 7:38**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1B-15.128 et seq., 13:1D-1 et seq., 13:9B-1 et seq., 13:20-1 et seq., 23:2A-1 et seq., 58:1A-1 et seq., 58:10A-1 et seq., 58:11-23 et seq., 58:11A-1 et seq., 58:12A-1 et seq., and 58:16A-50 et seq.

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

Effective Date: December 1, 2015.

New Expiration Date: December 1, 2022.

Take notice that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:38 are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules had been scheduled to expire on December 31, 2015. 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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The Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Rules establish the environmental standards and procedures by which the Department reviews any application pursuant to the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., including major Highlands development proposed in the preservation area of the Highlands Region, waivers from any requirement for a Highlands Preservation Area approval, any resource or applicability determination or exemption from the Act, and any permit or plan reviewed by the Department in the Highlands Region.