

Public Notice

This notice is being given to inform the public that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is extending the public comment period for the permit-by-rule authorization to discharge treated groundwater at the DuPont Pompton Lakes Facility which was advertised in the Suburban Trends on July 25, 2010. The NJDEP is granting an additional sixty (60) calendar days extension of time. In accordance with amendments to the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:14A-2.5, 7.5, 8.5, 10.2 and 22.4), DuPont is applying for a permit-by-rule to replace the existing NJPDES permit for discharge of treated water from the groundwater extraction system. The groundwater extraction system, located on the DuPont property, extracts groundwater from five wells on-site, treats the water via an air stripper unit, and then discharges water meeting the Groundwater Quality Standards (drinking water criteria) back into the ground through an infiltration bed. This system has been operating since 1998 and has been discharging clean water for that time. This system also provides hydraulic control of the ground water on-site which results in no additional contaminated ground water leaving the site and moving south into the adjacent neighborhood. Monthly monitoring requirements have not changed for more than 10 years and, based on the data, DuPont has requested that lead be deleted from discharge monitoring since it has not been detected since 2002 and that certain groundwater level measurements that have not significantly fluctuated, be changed to quarterly and/or biannually.

Technical comments specific to this permit application involving the discharge of water meeting the drinking water criteria may be submitted in writing to the NJDEP by the end of the public comment period. The NJDEP will respond to all significant technical comments relating to the permit-by-rule. Written comments or a request for a non-adversarial hearing regarding this permit should be submitted to: Mr. Frank Faranca, Site Manager, NJDEP Bureau of Case Management, 401 East State Street, P.O. Box 028, Trenton, NJ 08625-0028. After the close of the public comment period, the NJDEP will approve or modify the proposed permit. Additional information concerning the proposal may be obtained from Mr. Faranca at (609) 984-4071.