

You are invited to a meeting to discuss the scientific basis used to designate exceptional waters as Category One in the Surface Water Quality Standards, N.J.A.C. 7:9B. The existing definition of Category One includes waters that represent “exceptional ecological significance” for their ability to support selected water dependent Threatened and Endangered species or another exceptional aquatic community, “exceptional water supplies”, and “exceptional fisheries resources”. Information on the data required to designate waters as Category One are available at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/wms/bwqsa/c1waters.htm>.

The Department is particularly interested in receiving feedback on the following questions:

- 1) Do you have any recommendations that would improve the existing methodology?
- 2) What other ecological factors should the Department be considering?
- 3) What other types of data should the Department be considering when designating C1 waters?

Meeting date: Friday, December 10, 2010, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at DEP Headquarters, 3rd Floor Large Conference Room, 401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ.

Please RSVP to:

Mary Anne Husar, Bureau of Water Quality Standards and Assessment at Maryanne.husar@dep.state.nj.us or (609) 777-1753. If you are unable to attend please feel free to send a representative. It is requested that you contact us and let us know who will be standing in for you at this meeting. Room space is limited and we are asking that only the invitees, or their designees, attend.

If you attend the meeting, please sign in at the lobby receptionist before proceeding to the 3rd floor large conference room.

This is not a public hearing, so no formal record of this meeting will be generated, beyond a record of those attending.

Thank you.

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