Subject: Stakeholder Meeting for the Freshwater Wetland Protection Act Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:7A)

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is currently developing amendments to the Freshwater Wetland Protection Act rules. As a stakeholder with interest regarding these rules, you are cordially invited to attend a meeting with all interested parties to discuss the possible changes and provide input into the assessment of these rules. The Department has identified seven areas of the Freshwater Wetland Rules that we believe are in need of change and/or clarification. These areas are outlined on the attached agenda.

The meeting will be held in the Public Hearing room, 401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625 on April 11, 2011 at 9 am.

Please see the <u>attached meeting agenda</u>. The Department is asking that you come prepared to provide constructive comments on the topics of the agenda. In addition, if there are other topics or issues you would like to raise please feel free to do so. If there are issues we are unable to address in sufficient detail we may have additional focused discussions at a later date.

Stakeholder involvement from all sectors is an important part of this process. However, we understand that the involvement of any particular sector does not imply that the participating stakeholder has endorsed any final product or suggestion.

In order to provide transparency in the rule writing process, the meeting will be recorded. Following the meeting, the recording will be placed on the Department's website.

I hope to see you there. If you plan on attending this meeting, please contact Jill Aspinwall of my staff at jill.aspinwall@dep.state.nj.us or 609-984-9736.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Piel, Jr. Office of Land Use Management