

Stakeholder Invitation

You are cordially invited to participate in a NJDEP's Surface Water Quality Standards stakeholder meeting to discuss a possible proposal to establish Tiered Drinking Water Uses. Concerns were raised during 2002 drought that potable water intakes could be affected by nitrate concentration above the drinking water maximum contaminant levels. In 2010, the Department denied a petition for rulemaking to establish an alternate point of application for TDS and nitrate. To address these concerns, the Department established a workgroup with representatives from water and wastewater facilities, EPA, DOL, and DEP to discuss alternative approaches and recommendations.

Based on the discussion with the workgroup, the DEP arrived at an approach that provides better protection at the existing intakes and also protects freshwaters streams not currently used for water supplies for future use without unduly burdensome permit requirements. The Department is convening a meeting to provide an opportunity to present recommendations, to solicit input, and to resolve any concerns. The DEP anticipates providing additional material before the meeting.

This meeting will be held at the NJDEP Public Hearing Room, 401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625 on December 17, 2012 from 9:00 – 11:30. Participation is by invitation. Please RSVP to attend or to coordinate attendance by a designee by contacting Dian Smith at Dian.smith@dep.state.nj.us or by calling (609) 777-1753 by December 14, 2012.