

A scenic photograph of a waterfall cascading over a rocky ledge. The water is white and frothy as it falls. To the right, a vibrant rainbow arches across the sky, its colors reflecting on the water. The background shows a lush green hillside with trees and a fence.

# Water Supply Allocation Rules N.J.A.C. 7:19 Stakeholder Outreach November 22, 2010

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# Agenda

- Introductions
- Meeting Objectives
- Current Rule Background
- Presentation of rule changes under consideration
- Stakeholder input



# Current Rule Background

- Current Allocation rules regulate diversions of 100,000 GPD (50,000 GPD in Highlands Preservation Area), regulate drought management, interconnection operation and the Water Supply Plan
- Current rules under N.J.A.C. 7:19 expire February 23, 2011 (last major changes were adopted in 1995)
- Rules based largely on the Water Supply Management Act, N.J.S.A. 58:1A
- Several changes to the Water Supply Management Act have been adopted in the past ten years

# Rule Changes Under Consideration

- Changes to enhance application processing efficiency-Including Permit Efficiency Task Force recommendations

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- Changes to enhance flexibility and focus resources on higher priority activities

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- Changes to enhance drought management

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- Changes to enhance data quality and data management

# Rule Changes Under Consideration

- Changes to enhance resource management



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- Changes to enhance water system management

# Proposed rule changes required by changes to the Water Supply Management Act

- Penalties amended in accordance with statute change to \$25,000/day
- Temporary Diversions in Salem and Gloucester Counties
- Volunteer Fire Companies exempted from fees

# Stakeholder Input

- Do you see the need and basis for the draft rule amendments that are under consideration?
- Are there any other amendments the Department should consider, and if so what are they?
- What other steps should the Department be taking to further streamline or improve the water allocation processes while still protecting the water resources of the State and the users of those resources?
- Do the current water allocation rules provide adequate protection of both ground and surface water resources?

# Post Meeting Input

- Submit any additional stakeholder input to [donna.petinos@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:donna.petinos@dep.state.nj.us) by December 7, 2010