Dear Stakeholder,

I am writing to you on behalf of Fred Sickels, Acting Director of the Division of Water Supply within the New Jersey Department Environmental Protection (Department). The New Jersey Well Construction and Maintenance; Sealing of Abandoned Wells rule (well rules) at N.J.A.C. 7:9D will sunset on March 3, 2012. You are invited to a stakeholder meeting to discuss the fact that the Department intends to update these rules to more closely match the needs of the well drilling industry, well owners and local government agencies.

We invite you or another representative of your company to join other stakeholders in providing your input on the important issues being considered. These issues are listed on the <a href="attached agenda">attached agenda</a>. The meeting is scheduled for **April 11, 2011, at 1:00 PM at the Rutgers EcoComplex** at 1200 Florence-Columbus Rd. in Bordentown, NJ, just off exit 52 of Rt. 295. Directions to the meeting may be found at: <a href="http://ecocomplex.rutgers.edu/about\_us\_directions.php">http://ecocomplex.rutgers.edu/about\_us\_directions.php</a>

This is not a formal hearing and no formal record will be generated. A copy of sign-in sheet and a brief summary of the meeting will be posted afterwards on the Department's website. A copy of the current well rules may be found at: <a href="http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/NJAC7\_9D.pdf">http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/NJAC7\_9D.pdf</a>

In order to plan adequately, kindly respond to Tracy Omrod of the Well Permitting Program by email at <u>Tracy.Omrod@dep.state.nj.us</u> or call (609) 984-6831 to indicate whether you or another person will be able to attend this meeting.

We appreciate your input and look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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