

INVITE:

Last year the legislature passed the Water Infrastructure Protection Act (WIPA) that allows certain municipalities that own drinking water or wastewater systems to sell or lease those systems without having to go through public referendum. The Act lays out the process and specifies the conditions under which systems can qualify.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) plays a limited, but essential, role under WIPA. DEP must approve or reject an owner's certification* of the conditions identified in the Act. DEP has developed draft guidance to provide municipalities, their financial and technical advisors, and the public with the details on the conditions and what evidence we would be looking for to make a determination.

Please join us for a meeting where we will share and discuss the draft guidance, which will be sent a few days in advance of the meeting. We will be looking for feedback.

Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 3-5pm
NJDEP Public Hearing Room, 401 East State Street

Please **RSVP by December 11th** to Sue Samonski: Sue.Samonski@dep.nj.gov (609) 292-4543.

** Certification is made by the mayor, the mayor's designee, and a licensed engineer.*