

Dear Stakeholder,

The Department has been working to identify a new, more comprehensive and common-sense approach to water quality management planning. As a lead representative from your organization, you (or a designee) are invited to the final stakeholder meeting on the proposed new Water Quality Management Planning (WQMP) rule, expiring in May 2015. Once the rule language is released, there will be opportunities for further involvement through public comment.

The Department has solicited and received significant input into the future of the WQMP rules and DEP's review process. We have heard about the difficulties in implementing the current rules and the need for more efficiency and flexibility in order to effectively achieve our water quality management objectives. The primary goal of the new WQMP rule is to provide a framework to support the DEP's new regional, comprehensive approach to water resource management.

We would like to share with you DEP's recommended approach to water quality management planning process moving forward. Please join us:

**WHEN:** **Friday, February 21, 2014 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**  
Inclement weather/ alternative date: Monday, February 24, 2014  
*(You will be notified, in advance, via email if weather forecast indicates inclement weather and thus the meeting will be rescheduled. If State Offices are closed (available through NJ.gov website) the meeting will be automatically held on the alternate date, Monday, February 24th.)*

**WHERE:** Public Hearing Room  
NJDEP Building  
401 East State Street  
Trenton, NJ 08625

**RSVP:** Please **RSVP** to attend or to coordinate attendance by a designee or substitute by Wednesday, February 19, 2014  
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**AGENDA:** 1pm -1:30pm: Welcome & Introductions  
1:30pm -2pm: Background/ Prior Meetings/ Stakeholder Feedback  
2pm-3pm: Overview of New Vision/ Approach  
3pm -4pm: Question & Answer

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