



State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection
Clean Water Financing Program/State Revolving Fund

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
THE FFY2014 PRIORITY SYSTEM, INTENDED USE PLAN,
AND PROJECT PRIORITY LIST**

December 20, 2013

Introduction

In July 2013, the Department issued its FFY2014 Clean Water Priority System, Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List proposal document to solicit interest in the FFY2014/SFY2015 Financing Program and explain the Department's funding policies for the forthcoming financing cycle. The proposal was open for public comment and sponsors of 126 projects totaling more than \$1.4 billion submitted initial requests for funding in October 2013.

The Department is proposing to amend the original proposal to announce a Track II opportunity to allow project sponsors that missed the initial deadline in October 2013, to participate in the FFY2014/SFY2015 Program and seek base or Sandy CWSRF funding.

In addition, the Department is reserving the right to establish a limit on the amount of principal forgiveness that any one project sponsor can receive under the Sandy CWSRF Program.

The amendments are designed to encourage owners and operators of wastewater treatment systems and stormwater management facilities to take advantage of the low-cost financing available through the SFY2015 Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program, including Sandy CWSRF funds.

Track II Provisions

The Department is proposing to include a second chance opportunity to accommodate project sponsors that missed the initial commitment letter and planning document deadline of October 7, 2013 to participate in the FFY2014/ SFY2015 Financing Program. Sponsors of such projects are required to satisfy the following requirements by the deadlines identified below:

FFY2014/SFY2015 Loan Program Schedule SECOND CHANCE PROJECTS ONLY	
Activity	Deadline
Commitment Letter (Letter of Intent), Planning, Design and Loan Application	March 3, 2014

Sponsors of projects not currently listed on the FFY2014 Priority List will also need to submit basic project information with their commitment letter (Letter of Intent) in order to be considered for the second chance opportunity in the FFY2014/SFY2015 Financing Program.

Second chance projects will be eligible for loans (at one-quarter the market rate with the possibility of principal forgiveness) in the SFY2015 Financing Program provided the project meets the program requirements in a timely manner and that there are sufficient CWSRF monies based on the project's rank. Second chance projects will be ranked in accordance with the FFY2014 Priority System and assigned a rank below the projects that met the October deadline which have been identified in the January Report to Legislature.

Public Review and Comment

On December 20, 2013, the Department distributed a public notice that describes the proposed changes and that announced the availability of this amendment to the FFY2014 Priority System/Intended Use Plan proposal. The notice was also posted at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/cwpl.htm> and <http://www.njeit.org/> and was distributed via a mailing to the standard mailing list of potential project sponsors and other interested parties.

The comment period for this proposal will close on January 20, 2014.

Written comments on the proposed amendments should be submitted to:

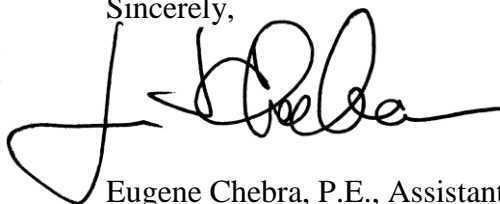
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All comments submitted in accordance with the deadline will be considered in the preparation of the final FFY2014 Priority System/Intended Use Plan documents.

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