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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Water Resources Management

Division of Water Monitoring and Standards

Ground Water Quality Standards

Readoption: N.J.A.C 7:9C

Authority: N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq. and 58:11A-1 et seq.

Authorized by: Bob Martin, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Effective Date: March 4, 2014

New Expiration Date: March 4, 2021

Take notice that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Ground Water Quality Standards Rules at N.J.A.C 7:9C are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules had been scheduled to expire on April 4, 2014. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed these rules and has determined that the rules should be readopted because they are necessary, reasonable and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1(c), timely filing of this notice extended the expiration date of the chapter seven years from the date of filing.

The Ground Water Quality Standards Rules establish the designated uses of the State's ground waters, classify ground waters based on those uses, and specify the water quality criteria and other policies and provisions necessary to attain those designated uses. These rules are used to develop ground water protection standards pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14A and as the remediation standards for cleanup of ground water contamination sites pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26E-1.13 and may also be applied through other programs that administer the following laws: the Spill Compensation and Control Act, the Brownfield and Contaminated Site Remediation Act, the Solid Waste Management Act, the Industrial Site Recovery Act, the Underground Storage of Hazardous Substances Act, the Realty Improvement Sewerage Facilities Act, and the Pesticide Control Act of 1971.

These rules include specific ground water quality criteria for 192 constituents and a procedure for developing interim criteria as needed. These interim criteria are used until the Department initiates formal rulemaking to promulgate new constituent-specific criteria. The rules also include a provision that enables the Department to revise the constituent-specific criteria upon adoption of new or revised Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) under the Safe Drinking Water Act Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:10.

Date: March 4, 2014

Signed original on file _____
Bob Martin, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Protection